IN LIEU OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006 COUNTY/CITY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM 113 1:30 P.M.

I. MAYOR

- *1. Letter to Hugh Bullock re: Update between Public Works Department and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on drainage ditch near Bullock home.
- *2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Seng and City Council representatives new conference on conceal carry law, Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.
- *3. NEWS RELEASE. Council Members and Mayor Collaborate on Proposals Related to Concealed Weapons.
- *4. Washington Report, July 21, 2006.

Received Week of August 7, 2006

- 1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Seng to announce new development for Northeast Lincoln on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the County-City Building.
- 2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces supermarket development for Northeast Lincoln.
- 3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Seng's new conference on water conservation scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
- 4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor issues outdoor water usage warning.
- 5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor urges caution in hot weather.
- 6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor urges public to support agencies providing heat relief for the homeless.
- 7 Washington Report, July 28, 2006.

II. DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY

*1. Letter to Joe Karas re: repair of sidewalk abutting property.

BUILDING AND SAFETY

*1. Email from Chuck Zimmerman as response to July 24, 2006 Council testimony on Planning Department fees.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*1. Email to, and response from, Commissioner Workman re: 44th Street and Cornhusker Property. (Distributed to Council Members in packets of 07/27/06)

FINANCE/BUDGET

*1. July Sales Tax Reports:

- a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections.
- b) Gross Sales Tax Collection (With Refunds Added Back In) 2000-2001 Through 2005-2006.
- c) Sales Tax Refunds. 2000-2001 Through 2005-2006.
- d) Net Sales Tax Collections. 2000-2001 Through 2005-2006.
- 2. Response to Robin Eschliman from Don Herz, Finance Director, re: Proposed budget cuts to 911 Center.

HEALTH

- *1. Letter from Community Health Endowment of Lincoln Executive Director regarding Board of Trustees with terms expiring on August 31, 2006.
 - 2. NEWS RELEASE. West Nile Virus Cases reported in Lancaster County.
 - 3. Physician Advisory. Health Department has received reports of two confirmed cases of Shigella Sonnei (Shigellosis) in Lincoln.

LIBRARY

- 1. Letter from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries re: Thanks to Council for recognizing the widespread community impact the Lincoln City Libraries have on citizens of Lincoln.
- 2. Letter from the Library Board of Trustees re: Encourage Council to accept budget as presented for the libraries of Lincoln.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Recommendations on budget for maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1. Memorandum from Marvin Krout, Planning Director, re: Proposed Planner I Budget cut.
- 2. Amendment to the proposed FY 2006 2012 Capital Improvements Program.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

*Change of Zone:

1) Change of Zone No. 06021.

*Permits:

- 1) Special Permit No. 04020A.
- 2) County Special Permit No. 05058.

*Requests for Deferral:

- 1) Change of Zone No. 06042.
- 2) Change of Zone No. 06043.

*Public Hearing and Action, Miscellaneous:

- 1) Street & Alley Vacation No. 06004.
- 2) Street & Alley Vacation No. 06005.

*Other Items:

1) Change of Zone No. 06040.

*Pending List:

- 1) Change of Zone No. 3321.
- 2) Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 03009.
- 3) Street & Alley Vacation No. 04013.
- 4) Change of Zone no. 06040.

- 5) County Preliminary Plat No. 06008.
- 6) County Special Permit No. 06038.
- *2. Change of Zone No. 06040 Downzone. (40th to 48th Streets, Randolph to "A" Streets)
- *3. Memo from Marvin Krout regarding fee increases. (Bill No's 113, 06-114, 06-115 and 06R-146)
- *4. Annexation by Ordinance No.18735 map.
- *5. Annexation by Ordinance No.18755 map.
- *6. Annexation by Ordinance No.18737 map.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

*1. Special Permit No. 04020A (Limited Landfill - S.W. 28th Street and West "O" Street) Resolution No. PC-01006.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION (Received week of August 7, 2006)

1. Action by Planning Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

- *1. ADVISORY. Water Distribution Main at Fletcher and Highway 34; 14th to Northwest 12th. Project #803202, 803203, 803204.
- 2. ADVISORY. Storm sewer rehabilitation project # 701679a. 6th and "J" Street.
- 3. Map of project # 701679a.

III. CITY CLERK

- *1. Hand out, Single Family Permits, January June 2006, at formal Council meeting on 07/24/06 relating to Items:
 - 11) 06-113 Change of Zone 06023 -
 - 12) 06-114 Misc. 06005 -
 - *13)* 06-115
 - 14) 06R-146
- *2. Motion to Amend No. 1. Move to amend Bill No. 06-122.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

Constituent Email/Correspondence Against Proposal to Ban Conceal Carry

- *1. Email from Darren and Bonita Kinney.
- *2. Email from Joseph L. Behringer.
- *3. Email from Roger Tracy.
- *4. Email from Dean E. Taylor.
- *5. Email from Neal Bloomquist.
- *6. Email from Stan Litty.

Other Constituent Email/Correspondence to Councilman Camp

- *1. Email from Gerhardt L. Jacobs supporting vote on concealed carry.
- *2. Email, and response to Susan Larson Rodenburg re: bike lanes and traffic engineer.
- *3. Email from Keith McGill re: Congratulations on upholding state law on conceal carry.
- *4. Email from Daniel Walz re: Thanks for defeating conceal carry ban.
- *5. Email from Tom Spann re: Thanks for leadership on LB 454, conceal carry.

- *6. Email from Andrew Lighthall re: Thanks for not banning RTC in Lincoln.
- *7. Email from, and response to, Tom McCormick re: Council should provide public hearing on conceal carry.
- *8. Email from Ellen Dubas re: Against not having public hearing on concealed weapons.
- *9. Email from Dennis LaPage re: Glad Council stood up for citizens of Lincoln.
- *10. Email from Ron Moore re: Appreciation for job and killing the concealed carry ban and statements on budget.
- *11. Email from Janis Strautkalns re: Thank you for actions regarding concealed weapons.
- *12. Email from Martin Grgurich re: Thank you for voting down concealed weapons ban.
- *13. Email from Fritz Grothe re: Thank you for upholding state law.

Received Week of August 7, 2006

- 1. Email from Jim Adams re: Thanks for action on the concealed carry ban.
- 2. Email from Pam James re: Article and information on public transit trends.
- 3. Email from LeRoy Penlerick re: Proposed city gun regulations, understand concerns for safety but realize citizens have rights under the constitution, bill of rights and state law.
- 4. Email from Marilyn Fitch re: Consider taking full \$3 million in cuts instead of placing the burden on the property owner.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

*1. Memorandum from Chief of Police Tom Casady re: Cuts to Police Budget.

Received Week of August 7, 2006

1. Email from Roger Yant re: Against tax increase, Mayor and Council need to follow through and make cuts.

DAN MARVIN

*1. Letter from Mr. Hasselberger re: Against eliminating position at the Bennett Martin Library.

PATTE NEWMAN

*1. Response to RFI #39 - Graffiti and Use of Video Tape Equipment from Dana W. Roper, City Attorney.

KEN SVOBODA

*1. Email from Scott Voichoskie with comments from Anne Boyle re: Public transit system.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Email from Betty Bates re: Opposed to cuts in Urban Development and Human Rights Commission.
- *2. Email from Peggi Ammon re: Disappointed with budget cuts not accomplished.
- *3. Email from Mary A. Kuhlmann re: Opposed to cuts in Urban Development or the Human Rights Commission.
- *4. Letter from David A. Riley re: Tax cuts in the Lincoln City budget. (Letter distributed to Council members on July 21, 2006)
- *5. Email from Jason Albers re: Support of downtown bike lanes.
- *6. Email from Kasey Rigg re: Staffing cuts, tightening belts.
- *7. Email from Laura Barton re: Animal control needs more employees, not fewer.

- *8. Email from Terese re: City cannot cut jobs from Animal Control or the City.
- *9. Email from Paul Haith re: Budget process.
- *10. Email from LaDonna VanArsdall and Christina Chambers re: Cannot cut jobs and staff from the Animal Control existing staff.
- *11. Email from Heather Critchfield re: Do not cut funding for Animal Control Officers.
- *12. Email from Joyce Hasselbalch re: Rethink position on cuts regarding Animal Control.
- *13. Email from Sian Maxwell re: Budget disappointment.
- *14. Email from Nancy Johnson re: Disgusted with process on conceal carry.
- *15. Email from David Schoenmaker re: Reconsider public speaking on conceal carry.
- *16. Email from Bill Boyd re: Motorsports facility in Lancaster County.
- *17. Email from Don Kohtz re: Retention of Randy Hoskins.
- *18. Email from Stanley Oswald re: Appalled at decision of no public speaking on conceal carry.
- *19. Email from Darren and Bonita Kinney, re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *20. Email from Larry Mitchell re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *21. Email from Steve Shoff re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *22. Email from Ed Utterback re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *23. Email from Jim Shook re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *24. Email from Adams re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *25. Email from Gould re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *26. Email from Alan Britton re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *27. Email from Bergerac re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *28. Email from William and Louise Stone re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *29. Email from William T. Brockley re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *30. Email from John Rohan re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *31. Email from Rick Kunze re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *32. Email from David A. Crandall re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *33. Email from Neil Bickley re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *34. Email from Jerry B. Hutchison re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *35. Letter from Richard Meyer. (Letter delivered to Council in packet on 07/27/06) re: Opposed to conceal carry ban.
- *36. Email from R. Scott Sandquist re: Thanks for leadership on conceal carry.
- *37. Email from David Oenbring re: True leadership on conceal carry.
- *38. Three (3) phone messages received from Mike McConnell, Don Patton, and Phil Cox.
- *39. Email from Sharon Eilers re: Not happy with conceal gun approval.
- *40. Email from Larry Sims re: Bicycles downtown should be required to pay fee.
- *41. Letter from John Bussey, Capital Rentals, re: South Central Lincoln neighborhood and police budget cuts. (Letter distributed to Council Members in packet of 07/27/06)
- *42. Message from Gary N. Powell re: Compliment on handling the conceal carry issue.
- *43. Email from Marva Wasser re: Response to concealed weapons action.
- *44. Email from William R. Stone, Jr. re: Budget and tax request, and testimony.
- *45. Email from Paul Hughes re: No problems with concealed carry permits.
- *46. Email from Tom Hardesty re: Tax cuts suggestions and 'great job' on concealed carry issue.
- *47. Email from David Hansen re: Thank you on concealed carry vote.
- *48. Email from Mary Lemon re: Find cuts in budget so 2006 taxes will not increase dramatically.

- *49. Letter received from Lela Shanks re: Disappointed with vote on concealed weapons.
- *50. Letter received from Anne Vidaver re: Does not support Nebraska law allowing carrying of concealed weapons.

Miscellaneous Received Week of August 7, 2006

- 1. Email from Patrick J. Henry re: Concealed carry best left to the State through the Legislature.
- 2. Email through InterLinc, from Paul Janssen, re: Ban of concealed weapons in Lincoln city limits. People of Nebraska have spoken.
- 3. Email from Ron Jonas, through InterLinc, re: Roundabouts at city street intersections.
- 4. Email from David Fletcher re: Do not support the Mayor's proposal to ban concealed weapons.
- 5. Email from Troy Kochner re: In favor of right to carry concealed weapons.
- 6. Email from Jean Sanders re: Cook and Marvin-Thank you on vote on concealed weapons. Rest of Council-Shame on the handling of concealed weapons issue.
- 7. Email from Jan Pitsch re: Re-examining ambulances to see if they meet original specs.
- 8. Email from Phil Harris re: Stop the ban requested by the Mayor and Police Chief on concealed weapons.
- 9. Email from Virginia Baldwin re: Alarming to cancel weapons ban hearing.
- 10. Email from Bill and Juanita Dawes re: Stop tax increases.
- 11. Email from Carol Johnson re: Do not raise our property taxes again.
- 12. Email from Dennis and Lu Wilson re: Protesting increase in Lincoln's property taxes.
- 13. Email from Pete Beau re: Lower the mill levy. Make necessary cuts in the budget.
- 14. Email from Ross Teske re: Need to cut taxes for property, not raise taxes.
- 15. Email from William and Louise Stone re: Thank you for voting to drop discussion on concealed weapons from the calendar.
- 16. Email from Sitaram Jaswal re: Lincoln Human Rights Commission Budget. Disappointed with elimination of office manager at LHRC.
- 17. Email from Ron and Becky Herms re: Be cautious about property tax increase and concentrate on funding areas to enhance revenue generation.
- 18. Email from Stacey Lima re: Cannot grasp sane reasoning for allowing people to carry concealed weapons.
- 19. Email from Dan Haase re: Let the public be heard on conceal carry issue to comply with law and community choice.
- 20. Email from James Nyman re: Concealed handguns have no legitimate place in a well governed urban area.
- 21. Email from Klanghut re: Give back to the public. School bond funding from the bond which raised taxes is above the budget for the next year.
- 22. Email from R. Weigel re: Cut budgets until sales taxes increase, property taxes are not the answer
- 23. Email from Fred Wegelin re: Thanks for voting to withdraw the Mayor's proposal to ban concealed handguns within Lincoln's city limits.
- 24. Email from Dorothy Mapes re: Fire Department misuse of vehicles.
- 25. Email from Pamela Schmidt re: Do not take advantage of recent revaluations in order to increase taxes.
- 26. Email from Carol Witforth re: Shortsighted action when denying money to properly take care of animals in our community.

- 27. Email of Sandra Lab re: Find a way to cut the budget without jeopardizing Animal Control.
- 28. Email of David Holler re: Nebraska 2nd amendment rights.
- 29. Email from Boyce re: Limit budget increase to inflation instead of taking advantage of increase in valuations.
- 30. Email re: Property tax increase protested. Find ways to save money.
- 31. Email from Cathy Beecham re: Please do not cut Urban Development positions.
- 32. Email from Wendy Francis re: Human Right Commission cuts information.
- 33. Email from Cathy Beecham re: Do not cut two positions from Urban Development Department.
- 34. Email from Jeanine Jewell re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 35. Email from David W. Scheffler re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 36. Email from Yvonne Norton Leung re: Do not cut positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 37. Email from Ruben Spretz re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 38. Email from Andy Beecham re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 39. Email from Blake and Laura Edwards re: Do not cut positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 40. Email from Melissa Landis re: Do not eliminate to positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 41. Email from Mary Ann and Phil Bede re: Do not cut positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 42. Email from Keith Dubas re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 43. Email from Michael B. Edwards re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 44. Email from Robert and Phyllis Narveson re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 45. Email from Michelle Weiand re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 46. Email from Judy Gibson re: Fi d ways to support, maintain, and expand our really good library system.
- 47. Email from Starlene Hubbard re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 48. Email from Shawn Ryba re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 49. Email from Paul Rowe re: Budget. Time to cut spending, do not spend just because property values have increased unreasonably.
- 50. Email from Virginia McCormick re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 51. Email from Sue Wilson re: Do not eliminate two positions from Urban Development.
- 52. Email from Mona McKenzie re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 53. Email from Jeffrey P. Baker re: Opposition to ban on concealed weapons.

- 54. Email from Sarah Bauman re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 55. Email from Janee Gagner-Wilcox re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 56. Email from Carol Greenwald re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 57. Email from Jennifer L. Meier-Bassen re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 58. Email from Olivia Thoene re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 59. Email from R. David Wilcox re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 60. Email from Judy A. Miller-Weiand re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 61. Email from Evy Olson re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 62. Email from Bob and Sue Semerena re: Refrain from passing any local ordinances until after hearings held and regulations have been adopted.
- 63. Email from Dwayne Wilson re: Consideration of bicycle lanes in Lincoln, and specifically residential areas.
- 64. Email from Susan larson re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 65. Email from Christy Aggens re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 66. Email from Amy Gagner re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 67. Email from Wilbur Dasenbrock re: Council action in area of concealed weapons needs additional attention.
- 68. Email from Bonnie A. Schwartz re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 69. Email from David Fikar re: Support Lincoln Commission on Human Rights.
- 70. Email from Anne Hobbs re: Cannot substitute what Lincoln Commission on Human Rights accomplishes for the City of Lincoln.
- 71. Email from Jodi Delozier re: City budget for 1006-2007.
- 72. Email from Travis Wingate re: Suggestion for synthetic turf in medians of Lincoln.
- 73. Email from Ryan Wilcox re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 74. Fax received from Roger Carmichael re: Keep Mr. Hoskins on the traffic team.
- 75. Letter received from the Lincoln City Employees Association re: City employees established benefit package.
- 76. Email from Jeanne Kern re: Remove the Southwest Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase from the 2006 2012 Capita`l Improvement Program budget.
- 77. Email from M. J. Callahan re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.
- 78. Letter received from the Center for People in Need re: Stunned by action to remove from consideration a proposal to provide for a ban on concealed weapons. (Distributed to Council

- Members in packet of 08/03/06)
- 79. Letter from Reverend Karla Cooper re: Reasons listing importance of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights to the Lincoln community.
- 80. Email from John Heineman re: Do not eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.

Adamantly disagree with the Lincoln City Council looking to cut jobs and staff from the Animal Control existing staff.

Emails received from:

- 81. Shirley Ostendorf.
- 82. Angie Edgren.
- 83. Angie Wassenberg.
- 84. Joyce Porter.
- 85. Trisha Anderson.
- 86. Ericka Barry.
- 87. Shawn Barry.
- 88. Ben Tetschner.
- 89. Gene Creamer.
- 90. Michael Barry.
- 91. David Bristol.
- 92. Meridee Bickford.
- 93. Patti Witters.
- 94. Joyce Porter.
- 95. Email from Melvin Jenkins re: Funding for, and importance of, the Lincoln Human Rights Commission maintain full staff.
- 96. Email from Mary Arth re: Budget unacceptable and will ruin our beautiful Lincoln parks.
- 97. Email from Lori Jacoby re: Concerned with proposed cut of two Animal Control employees and weekend services.
- 98. Letter received from Lowell Vestal re: Suggestions to cut the Mayor's budget request. (Letter distributed to Council members in packets of 08/03/06)
- 99. Letter received from Steve Erwin, U. S. Bank, re: Limit City budget increase needed to keep up with inflation. (Letter distributed to Council members in packets of 08/03/06)
- 100. Email from Kathryn Gabig re: Sewage treatment plant.
- 101. Letter from Louise W. Lorenz, Regional Executive Council on Civil Rights, re: Opposition to elimination of local civil rights commissions.
- 102. Lincoln Electric System Statement re: Additional suggestions to lower energy bills.
- 103. Letter from Tim R. Knott re: Look at economics of a third sewage treatment plant to serve Southwest Lincoln and Lancaster County.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: * Carried over from 07/31/06 meeting.

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Date: August 1, 2006

For More Information: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will announce a major new development for northeast Lincoln at a news conference at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 2 just outside the Mayor's Office, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.



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Darl Naumann, Economic Development, 441-7511

MAYOR ANNOUNCES SUPERMARKET DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTHEAST LINCOLN

Mayor Coleen J. Seng announced today that an agreement has been reached with Hy-Vee Inc. for development of a new Hy-Vee supermarket project on the northwest corner of North 84th and Holdrege streets. The seven-acre development project will include an 84,500-square-foot grocery store; an attached wine and spirit store; and a Hy-Vee gas station. The store will employ about 400 workers.

"This \$15 million project is great news for residents of northeast Lincoln and the entire community," said Mayor Seng. "I want to thank Hy-Vee for its continued investment in our City. This new store will serve as an important anchor to draw even more development to this area."

The Hy-Vee development will not require City Council action because it is already zoned properly and is within the City limits. The Comprehensive Plan designates the site for a "community center" development of 300,000 to a million square feet of retail and service businesses. Hy-Vee will serve as an anchor store for the shopping center. Hy-Vee is purchasing private property for the project. Site preparation and construction are expected to begin in spring 2007.

Construction of another new Hy-Vee was announced in June. A \$15 million, 78,000-square-foot supermarket will be built on the north side of "O" Street between 50th and 52nd streets. Work at that site is expected to begin in late fall.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce Hy-Vee's intention to build another state-of-the-art supermarket in Lincoln," said Hy-Vee Executive Vice President Charlie Bell. "The fact that we will construct two projects of such magnitude simultaneously underscores our commitment to this community. Lincoln residents have supported us since we opened our first store in 1982, and we are excited to show our gratitude with two new stores that will feature the latest innovations in retailing."

Both new stores will feature photo processing services; drive-up pharmacies; a variety of dining opportunities; expanded departments for fresh-cut meat, organic produce, gournet salads and desserts; Hy-Vee Club rooms for classes and meetings; and baby departments that include organic and natural products, equipment and toys.

Hy-Vee, Inc. is an employee-owned corporation operating 224 retail stores in seven Midwestern states. For 2005, the company recorded total sales of \$4.9 billion, ranking it among the top 20 supermarket chains and the top 35 private companies in the U.S.

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DATE: August 2, 2006

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Mayor Coleen J. Seng will discuss water conservation and other heat-related topics at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 3 in the City Council Chambers, first floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.



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Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 441-7571 John Miriovsky, Lincoln Water System, 441-5932

MAYOR ISSUES OUTDOOR WATER USAGE WARNING

With continued hot, dry weather, Mayor Coleen J. Seng is strongly encouraging business and residential water customers to follow the City's voluntary outdoor watering restrictions. This summer's rainfall is 6.5 inches below normal, and little rainfall is forecast. **Property owners with street addresses ending in even numbers (including zero) are asked to limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Those with addresses ending in odd numbers are asked to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Mondays are "no watering" days.** Gardening experts advise that watering lawns once per week is generally adequate.

"I want to thank those who are following the voluntary restrictions on outdoor watering," said Mayor Seng. "But more conservation is needed because the well fields are not replenishing as quickly as they should due to dry conditions around the Platte River where Lincoln's wells are located. We must reduce the daily outdoor water consumption or face mandatory watering restrictions. Our priorities are to make sure we have adequate water for drinking and for emergency use."

Jerry Obrist, Chief Engineer for the Lincoln Water System (LWS), said flows in the Platte River are at levels similar to 2002, the last year the City implemented mandatory watering restrictions. Obrist said river flows have declined in the last week, and the Lincoln well fields can only sustain an average usage rate of about 65 million gallons per day. Water usage this past week averaged about 70 million gallons a day.

LWS measures local water usage daily. If weekly water usage continues to exceed what the Lincoln well fields can provide, LWS will recommend next week that mandatory outdoor water restrictions be implemented.

Under mandatory restrictions, residents would be required to follow the designated watering day schedule. According to City ordinance, LWS is authorized to turn off water service to locations disregarding mandatory outdoor watering restrictions. The water will be turned on only when disconnection and reconnection fees have been paid to LWS and a \$100 bond has been filed.

The public can track daily water usage on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: water). The site also includes suggestions for water conservation, the City's Water Management Plan and water rates. LWS water rates are structured to encourage conservation -- those who use more water are charged a higher rate.



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Doug Ahlberg, County Emergency Management, 441-7741

Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 441-8265 Bruce Dart, Health Department 441-8000

MAYOR URGES CAUTION IN HOT WEATHER

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and other local officials today urged citizens to pay attention to heat warnings and take steps to protect themselves, their families and their pets. Lincoln has experienced several periods of very high temperatures this summer, and August is typically a hot month.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issues two kinds of heat alerts:

- A **heat advisory** means that a period of hot conditions (heat index from 100 to 104 degrees) is expected. The hot environment will create a situation in which heat illnesses are possible.
- An excessive heat warning means that a prolonged period of dangerously hot temperatures (heat index of 105 degrees or above) will create life-threatening conditions. The heat and high humidity create a dangerous situation that can cause heat illnesses. Lincoln had a heat warning last week, the first one of the summer. When this warning is issued, the Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency consults with Mayor Seng and City Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson to determine whether City recreation centers will be kept open to provide air-conditioned locations for the public. The information will be available on the City Web site and through local media.

"With more hot weather expected, we need to remember that extreme heat can cause illness and even death, so it is very important to use caution and common sense," said Mayor Seng. "We need to take precautions for ourselves and also for those who are at increased risk, such as the elderly and children."

Children are more at risk because they adjust more slowly to the heat, have thinner skin, produce more heat with activity, sweat less and are less likely to rest or get a drink when they are active. Others at risk include those with chronic diseases, those who are overweight and those using certain medications or alcohol.

The heat index is a more accurate measure of how hot it really feels when the humidity is added to the actual air temperature. Information on local weather, the heat index and safety precautions are available at the NWS Web site.

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Both air temperature and humidity affect the body's ability to cool itself during hot weather. Heat stress occurs when sweating isn't enough to cool the body, causing a person's body temperature to rise rapidly. Heat stress symptoms include clammy, sweaty skin; light-headedness; weakness; and nausea. Heat-related illnesses include sunburn, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, the most severe form which requires immediate medical attention. More health information can be found at the Web site of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hot weather precautions include the following:

- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated fluids.
- Avoid heavy meals and hot foods, which add heat to your body.
- Monitor infants for fluid intake, and dress them in cool, loose-fitting clothing.
- Check on relatives, neighbors and friends who may be at risk.
- Never leave children and/or pets in parked cars. Even with the windows open, temperatures can reach 130 degrees in only a few minutes.
- Make sure pets and livestock that live outdoors have plenty of fresh water and shade.
- Stay out of the sun and in a cool environment as much as possible. Those without air conditioning should find a public air-conditioned location, such as a recreation center, senior center, library, mall or movie theater.

Those who do need to be outside are advised to wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat. Plan activities either before noon or in the evening, resting frequently in shaded areas. Stop activity and get into a cool area if you become lightheaded, confused, weak or faint. Extreme heat can be a concern to healthy people as well, including children participating in outdoor activities such as summer camps and athletic events and practices.



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MAYOR URGES PUBLIC TO SUPPORT AGENCIES PROVIDING HEAT RELIEF FOR THE HOMELESS

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today commended agencies with the Lincoln Homeless Coalition which are providing shelter, water and other services to the homeless to help them cope with the summer heat. Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach is coordinating efforts to collect and distribute water bottles, sunscreen and insect repellant and to provide cool places to escape the heat. Mayor Seng encouraged Lincoln residents to support the efforts by donating these items and funds or volunteering at the agencies.

"With the temperature and heat index reaching 100 degrees or more, we are seeing thousands of people across the nation who are at risk of serious medical problems as a result of heat-related illness," said Mayor Seng. "The homeless are especially vulnerable. The latest survey shows there are at least 1,500 homeless individuals in our community. We need a community effort to make sure they are protected."

"We've learned some important lessons from last year, and we are better prepared this year," said Merry Wills, CEDARS Service Area Director. Wills is chairperson of the Lincoln Homeless Coalition, an association of agencies, faith-based organizations and human service stakeholders who deal with homelessness issues. She said agencies are sending outreach teams into the community to assist the homeless with basic and emergency needs.

The homeless population survey conducted last fall shows that 550 individuals in families with children were either homeless or living in emergency shelters or transitional housing. Another 140 individuals are living in places not meant for human habitation. Survey results are available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: homeless).

"The statistics we have compiled show that the homeless population demographics contradict traditional stereotypes," said Wills. "Our latest survey indicates that a large percentage of homeless people in Lancaster County are single white females who have a high school diploma and possibly some college education. They are homeless because of substance abuse or domestic violence issues."

"It's more than just handing out water," said Susanne Blue, Executive Director of Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. "We are providing education and reminders to the public to take care of themselves and check on their senior neighbors if they're vulnerable to the heat."

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HOUSE DELAYS ACTION ON BUSINESS TAX BILL

FINANCE

Local government victory: House leadership pulls tax preemption bill. In the face of vocal opposition from state and local elected officials the House leadership pulled legislation (HR 1956) that would curtail the ability of state and local government to collect business activity taxes.

The House had been scheduled to consider the measure under suspension of the rules, which allows for expedited consideration of non-controversial bills. The leadership pulled HR 1956 because it became clear that the measure did not have enough votes to pass after a number of Members, including many moderate Republicans facing tough elections this fall, voiced concerns about the impact the bill would have on state and local finances.

The bill would extend the federal prohibition on the collection of taxes on interstate commerce by state and local governments to include all out-of-state transactions involving intangible personal property and services. Currently, the ban only includes taxes on transactions involving tangible personal property. The bill would also prohibit state and local governments from levying business activity taxes on entities that do not have a physical presence in the taxing jurisdiction (please see the June 30 Washington Report for a detailed description of HR 1956).

State and local government organizations estimate that the bill would lead to the loss of over \$6 billion in revenue over the next decade and argue that Congress is trying to provide voters with an election year tax cut on the backs of state and local government. They also argue that a broad interpretation of the bill by the courts could potentially exempt franchise restaurants and chain stores from paying state and local taxes.

Bill supporters counter that the bill would streamline state and local taxation of businesses and make compliance easier for interstate companies. The bill's sponsors have vowed to counter what they label a misinformation campaign by state and local officials and expressed confidence that they will be able to garner sufficient votes for the measure.

However, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has also determined that the measure would cost state and local government over \$3 billion in lost revenue over the next decade, undermining claims of a misinformation campaign by state and local officials. Given the CBO ruling and the limited floor time the House will have when it returns from its August recess, the bill faces an unlikely future. However, local officials concerned about the bill's impact should continue to voice their concerns about the bill to the congressional delegation during the August recess.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Stevens claims to be close to securing sufficient votes for his telecommunications rewrite. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) said this week that he believes he is close to rounding up the 60 votes necessary to bring his telecommunications reform legislation to the Senate floor.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) told Stevens that he would only be able to bring his bill up if he could guarantee that it would not be subject to a filibuster, and 60 votes are needed to close debate on a bill. Stevens also mentioned that he would like to have a vote on his bill before the November elections, but that it could also be considered in a post-election "lame duck" session in November-December. The issue of network neutrality

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continues to be the major source of contention in the bill, and Stevens believes he can defeat amendments to alter the language in his bill.

Even if the bill were to be approved in the Senate, it would still face a tough House-Senate conference committee, as there are significant differences in the two measures.

EMINENT DOMAIN

Senate spending bill extends prohibition on federal funds for eminent domain. The version of the FY 2007 spending bill for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development (TTHUD) that was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee last week contains language to continue the restrictions on jurisdictions using funds from those agencies in projects in which eminent domain is used and the primary benefactor are private entities.

The language was originally included in the FY 2006 TTHUD appropriations bill, but it would have expired at the end of FY 2006 (September 30, 2006). No similar language was included in the House version of the FY 2007 spending measure, but given the widespread support in Congress for such restrictions, it is likely to be included in the final version. Just last week, HUD published its guidelines regarding the FY 2006 language (see July 21 Washington Report).

The full text of the language is as follows:

No funds in this Act may be used to support any Federal, State, or local projects that seek to use the power of eminent domain, unless eminent domain is employed only for a public use: Provided, that for purposes of this section, public use shall not be construed to include economic development that primarily benefits private entities.

Provided further, That any use of funds for mass transit, railroad, airport, seaport or highway projects as well as utility projects which benefit or serve the general public (including energy-related, communication-related, water-related and wastewater-related infrastructure), other structures designated for use by the general public or which have other common-carrier or public-utility functions that serve the

general public and are subject to regulation and oversight by the government, and projects for the removal of an immediate threat to public health and safety or brownfield as defined in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfield Revitalization Act (Public Law 107-118) shall be considered a public use for purposes of eminent domain.

The Senate TTHUD appropriations bill is not expected to be considered on the Senate floor until after Labor Day.

BUDGET

Senate panel approves measure to require disclosure of federal spending. The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved legislation (S 2590) this week that would require the federal government to create a database containing information on all entities receiving federal funding.

The goal of the legislation is to create increased transparency in the federal spending process, and thus, more accountability. The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) would be charged with operating a website containing the searchable database, which would have to be operational by January 1, 2008 and be accessible for free. Records of spending on federal grants, loans, and contracts beginning in FY 2007 would be included in the database at first, but it would ultimately include information on spending for the past 10 years.

It is estimated that the federal government spends about \$1 trillion per year on grants, procurement contracts, loans, insurance, and other payments. Almost 70 percent of all federal contracts are defense contracts. The bill would not require any classified information to be revealed, so not all defense contracts would be included in the database.

The House approved a similar version of this legislation (HR 5060) last month, but the database created by the House bill would not include contracts.

DISASTER PLANNING

The Senate is considering a number of bills to address the problems of the 2005 hurricane season. Congress continues to attempt to improve the federal government disaster response system, almost a year after the calamitous 2005 hurricane season in the Gulf Coast. However, other than funding through supplemental appropriations, nothing of significance has actually become law.

This week, the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee approved legislation (S 3721) that would make changes to the beleaguered Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). While stopping short of removing the agency from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as has been suggested in the House, S 3721 would return the responsibilities of both disaster preparedness and response to FEMA. Last year, DHS had created a Preparedness Directorate that was outside of FEMA. The Senate bill would also give FEMA some additional autonomy within DHS, similar to that of the Coast Guard

Meanwhile, the Senate Small Business Committee this week cleared a bill to reauthorize the Small Business Administration (SBA) that would make changes to agency programs that came under heavy criticism following the Gulf Coast storms. This includes increasing the maximum size of an SBA disaster loan from \$1.5 million to \$5 million; creating a bridge loan programs to provide federal guarantees for postdisaster state loans to small businesses, and allowing for the distribution of SBA loans for businesses outside of the geographic area of a disaster area but can attribute economic losses to the events.

Finally, Senators from Louisiana are holding up the passage of legislation (S 3589) that would revamp the federal flood insurance program because they fear it would make the insurance unaffordable for their residents. The federal flood insurance program is currently financially unstable, having to borrow from the Treasury to pay nearly all of the \$23 billion in claims made following Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma,

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and Rita. Both the House and Senate bills on the subject would phase out subsidies for non-primary residences and commercial structures while also raising premiums on those structures.

However, the House bill only raises premiums by 15 percent annually, while the Senate bill raises them 25 percent. The House bill also includes provisions not included in the Senate bill that would cushion the blow of those rate increases, and the Louisiana Senators want the Senate bill to reflect those changes as well.

HOMELAND SECURITY

House and Senate move bills to address public safety communications issues. The House approved, 414-2, legislation (HR 5852) that would create a new Office of Emergency Communications at the Department of Homeland Security. The bill would also create a new position, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Communications, to run the office.

The bill would charge the Office of Emergency Communications with administering emergency communications grant programs, coordinating the Department's emergency communications programs and with developing standards for emergency communications. Under the bill, the Department could withhold grants to local governments not meeting interoperable communications standards developed by the Office of Communications or not submitting an emergency communications plan.

The Senate Governmental Affairs and Homeland Security approved creation of an Office of Emergency Communication at Homeland Security as part of a bill (S 3721) to overhaul the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and federal disaster response programs. Under the Senate bill, the Office of Communications would be housed under FEMA but would have similar responsibilities to those outlined in the House bill (see related article about the bill's FEMA reform sections).

Given the tight Senate schedule, Committee Chairman Susan Collins (R-ME) admitted that the bill faces an uncertain future. However, the overwhelming House vote in favor of HR 5852, coupled with the strong belief among many Members that emergency communications issues must be addressed, may lead to enactment on emergency communications legislation this year.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Senate committee approves bill to integrate public health emergency preparedness. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee quickly passed the *Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act* (S 3678) last week, which would reauthorize for five years those portions of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 dealing with public health and bioterrorism.

Sponsored by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), the bill would designate the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the lead agency in charge of emergency preparedness and response, and transfer responsibility for medical response from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) including the National Disaster Medical System.

HHS would be charged with integrating public health infrastructure at all levels of government as well as developing coordinated preparedness and emergency response. The bill would authorize \$824 million for five-year planning and capacity-building grants for state governments. States would be required to meet critical benchmarks and to coordinate with local governments.

There is no companion legislation in the House, and it is uncertain whether the bill will receive a floor vote amid the tight Senate schedule.

Memo

To: Robin Eschliman, City Council

From: Don Herz, Finance Director

CC: City Council

Mayor's Office Steve Hubka

Date: August 3, 2006

Re: Proposed budget cuts to 911 Center

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to your e-mail of July 27, 2006. (See attached) I will try to respond to each of your concerns/comments in that email. Your concerns/comments are in bold.

My impression is that the department chose to fight this battle with the press by frightening the public rather than open up their books and discuss this with the council in a grown-up, professional manner. We could have given the division specific lines to cut but opted not to micro-manage and really prefer for you to use your best judgment.

As we discussed, it is my understanding that the press called the 911 Center with questions after the Wednesday, July 19th tentative vote taken by the Council.

My response at the meeting was that the original proposal to delete \$15,000 for personal computer (PC) replacements and \$135,000 from other line items was that this would likely result in the reduction of 3 to 4 staff positions in addition to eliminating the replacement PC's. After the reduction was changed to \$15,000 of PC equipment and \$50,000 of other line items, we concluded that we would still need to reduce staffing by the equivalent of one position to manage to this level of funding.

I believe I have responded to you in a professional manner. Every cut has a consequence and I think it is appropriate for the Council and citizens to know the ramifications of a particular cut.

This division's general fund expenditures are up 10.5% over last year, and this is what caught our attention. We have asked to split the difference with you in order to make it more in line with other departments and divisions.

Your calculation of a 10.5% increase in general funds is correct. However, the total budget increase is much less at approximately 2.4%, which is in line with other departments and divisions.

This resulted from a change in revenue estimates from the 911 surcharge. The portion of the 911 Center budget paid by the 911 surcharge was reduced by approximately \$100,000 and the portion paid from the general fund had to be increased. As you know, revenues from the 911 surcharge have been dropping the past several years as more people convert to cell phones and drop their land lines. The City only receives the 911 surcharge for land lines within the City. The 911 surcharge for cell phones goes to the State of Nebraska.

We have worked hard to get the State legislation changed to return a more equitable portion of the cell phone revenues to the City. While we have received reimbursements for some costs in the 911 Center, it is not equal to the amount we would have received if paid directly to the City like the land line fees.

Below is a table that shows the 911 Budget for the past four years.

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Year	Budget	Change
2004 Actual	2,748,086	
2005 Actual	2,873,966	4.38%
2006 Budget	3,052,912	5.86%
2007 Budget	3,126,663	2.36%

First and foremost, don't compromise public safety.

Public safety is always our first priority. I don't know if your comment is implying that you believe we would allocate resources in less than the optimum way. The answer is an emphatic **no**. We will use whatever resources we receive and utilize them in the most efficient manner to maximize the benefit to the taxpayers.

Second, look to items like Supplies, Services, Equipment and demonstrate to us that you have done everything you can to shave these areas.

The 911 Center is very technology dependent, requiring supplies that run above and beyond just normal "office" or "governmental" supplies. We have headsets, computer parts, audio recording tapes, batteries for pagers, and many other items that are used 24 hours a day and must be maintained in a state of readiness, with spare equipment ready to replace at a moments notice should anything break. Any cut in equipment is very concerning. Several years ago it was identified that it would be beneficial to budget to a certain level for computer equipment or minor upgrades to programs that do not meet the requirements for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. It should be pointed out that that we have routinely taken our aging PC's which are replaced at the primary Center and use them for several years at the back-up Center. The Back-up Center currently has several aging PC's that we struggle to keep in operational readiness. The Back-Up Center runs hot and all equipment there is in a constant state of readiness. The importance of the back-up center was demonstrated during the recent flooding in the Hall of Justice when the planning and preparedness resulted in not a single 911 call going unanswered.

It should also be noted that all of our equipment is used 24 hours a day by multiple users resulting in the need for replacements on a more frequent basis than most regular office settings.

A significant portion of the Services budget contains line items that are fixed costs and would result in major negative consequences if reduced. This line item includes maintenance contracts for equipment and software on the computers and computer aided dispatch (CAD) software. It would not be prudent to cancel these contracts.

The entire \$242,500 amount budgeted for Utilities is paid to Windstream Communications (previously Alltel) to provide the trunk lines, data links, and telephone service for receiving calls. This contract was recently bid and the lowest cost was obtained. To reduce the number of trunk lines would compromise public safety because it would increase the likelihood of a person receiving a "busy signal" when calling 911.

Other significant, fixed costs include rent payments to the Public Building Commission and insurance costs.

The Mayor's budget already reduced travel to cover only those courses that are required to maintain licenses or certifications for the staff at 911.

All of the supply and services line items were scrutinized very closely in order to comply with the Mayor's budget process. The only options left are to attempt to renegotiate some of our larger contracts such as the telephone company, or ask the Building Commission to reduce the rent on the space that the Center occupies.

Third, evaluate raises to the extent possible.

The 911 Center has 39.5 FTE's. All but one position is covered by contracts that include step pay increases. Under the contracts, employees advance to the next step in their pay plan if they have performed their job satisfactorily.

The 911 Center has made significant steps to retain experienced employees that are motivated and proud of the work they do. As recently as five years ago, the turnover rate in the 911 Center was approximately 20%. The turnover rate has dropped to less than 10% and as low as 5% in 2005. This turnover reduction can be attributed to a number of management practices, including: better hiring procedures and better training and mentoring. The Center also sought and received national accreditation, which helps facilitate best management practices and provides benchmarking to assist in keeping the center operating effectively and efficiently.

This lower turnover has resulted in more employees advancing higher up the pay ranges and fewer employees at the bottom of the pay ranges. I believe we can all agree that a more seasoned group of 911 operators will make the work of our police and firefighters more productive and result in more positive outcomes for the citizens we serve.

I think that denying an employee a raise that they have earned would damage morale and result in higher turnover and consequently less experienced 911 operators.

Fourth, look at how to handle attrition.

I assume that this means to leave a position open when someone leaves. Because the Mayor's budget only funds 99% of the salary budget, this will already happen. If you mean to eliminate an FTE through attrition, that runs contrary to your first point of not compromising public safety. In the 911 Center, it will not be as easy to leave positions open, because by doing so leaves a position unmanned. This can only lead to the probability that some calls will be delayed in being answered. The 911 administration uses historical trends to determine the days of the week and the hours of the day for optimum staffing with the resources available. When someone is sick, on vacation, or resigns, the only way to staff to the level needed is generally by paying overtime. It is often more costly to leave positions open if the same staffing level is to be maintained. If the decision is to permanently cut

funding, staff will be reduced during the days and time when it will result in the least disruption in the ability to answer calls.

It should be mentioned that the 911 Center was analyzed several years ago by the Hometown Security Committee and the committee recommended that for a city the size of Lincoln, an additional nine (9) call takers were needed to meet the call volume. Only five (5) call takers have been added due to budget constraints. Since then the City has continued to grow in population and the volume of calls continues to increase because of the increase in cell phones usage.

Fifth, evaluate administrative staff as opposed to front-line emergency workers.

We believe that the Lincoln/Lancaster County 911 Center is lean in administrative positions.

Our first-level supervisor's work includes call taking and dispatch in addition to their administrative/management duties. Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) administration is performed part-time by an ESDII (senior dispatcher) while most Centers of our size have a full time position dedicated to this function. Likewise, Lincoln 911 does not have a separate GIS mapping administrator. Instead, to save money, we require one employee to split their time between dispatch and mapping.

The Center has two administrative positions that also double as call takers when existing staff is not sufficient during certain shifts. These two positions are as follows:

Quality Assurance Coordinator - This position performs quality assurance (QA) for both Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) calls and all other Q&A functions within the Center. It should be noted that EMD QA is a requirement of EMS Inc., the community's independent EMS oversight agency. EMD QA requires a set number of reviews of all medical calls received.

Training Coordinator – The training coordinator manages all training for the Center. This includes our training academy (classroom) for new hires, coordination of new hire training of first level supervisors/trainers and trainees during their first 6-8 months of on the job training. In addition, the Coordinator conducts in-service training for all staff. Staff is required to be trained in a variety of areas, including but not limited to liability, EMD (minimum of 12 hrs per year), Homeland Security (NIMS) etc.

The Center has three administrative positions that do not serve as front line call takers. These three positions are as follows:

Communications Coordinator (Division Head) –This is a leadership position with the responsibility of running the 911 Center and the Radio Maintenance Section. The coordinator is responsible for day to day management of the Center, that the Center is equipped appropriately and that the Center is adequately staffed. The coordinator also is responsible for making sure all accreditation standards are met. The coordinator works closely with the Personnel Department to ensure that the best candidates are hired, and if necessary taking action to discipline or remove those not performing to the level expected. The coordinator ensures that call takers/dispatchers provide accurate, efficient and professional service. Ensures that all staff are trained to the appropriate level, meeting requirements mandated locally and by the State and Federal government. The coordinator routinely interacts with other public safety agencies, at both local and state level to ensure seamless interoperable communications plans are implemented. Plans, develops and implements new technology projects for the Center and area Agencies (LPD, LSO, LFR, UNLPD). The coordinator also plans and implements redundancy for all technology systems utilized by the Center. The coordinator is responsible for closely managing all technology for the Center, primarily the computer aided dispatch (CAD) system and secondary responsibility for wireless data systems that serve LPD. LSO. LFR. UNLPD and NSP. The coordinator identifies future technology and operational trends and needs for the Center. The coordinator actively seeks funding outside of routine tax dollars. The Coordinator has brought over \$300,000 in outside funds to the 911 Center's budget over the last 3 years in grant funds and cost reimbursement related to wireless. The manager has participated in lobbying for changes in the state wireless 911 fund.

Administrative Officer – This position manages all policies, procedures, inquiry, complaint investigations and serves as lead for the Incident Dispatch Team. From a liability standpoint this is probably one of the most important jobs in the Center because this person enforces the consistency and adherence to policy that the oversight agency requires. This position also steps in and assumes many of the duties of the Division Head during any absences.

Systems Specialist - manages all aspects of our telephone technology and interface with Windstream Communications. This is time consuming due primarily to the maintenance and testing requirements of telephone technology such as Phase I and Phase II Wireless (Cellular) 911. In addition, this position performs all the clerical, payroll, and accounts payable functions for the entire division.

CONCLUSION:

If the \$15,000 funding for the PC's is eliminated, this will result in a deferral to next year of some needed replacements. If the \$50,000 reduction is required in operations, we recommend reducing one call taker which saves approximately \$40,000 and somehow finding another \$10,000 reduction in the supply and service line items.



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Subject Re: 911 Budget

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Subject: 911 Budget

> Robin,
> I was out of town last week end and when I returned, I had heard there
> was some press inquiry into the budget cuts to 911. If you would like
> Julie Righter and myself to visit with you about their budget, we would be
> available on Monday, the 31st, when you have Council meetings.

> It's my understanding from Julie that the best way to deal with the \$50K > budget cut that was voted on last Wednesday was a staff reduction. Cuts > to

> other line items would have an even more adverse impact on service to our > citizens. Let me know if you want to discuss.

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Communicable Disease Program

WEST NILE VIRUS CASES REPORTED IN LANCASTER COUNTY

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department received two reports of West Nile virus (WNV) infections in Lancaster County. The individuals, both over 50 years of age, are recovering from the effects of the disease. Neither case was found to have a travel history outside of the state. One individual had no travel history outside Lancaster County.

Humans can be infected with West Nile virus after being bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus. The virus is not passed from person to person. Prevention of bites is the best way to prevent West Nile disease. People can avoid mosquito bites by limiting their time outside during dawn or dusk, prime times for mosquitoes to feed. If you do go outside during these times, wear lightweight long-sleeved shirts and pants and use insect repellent on exposed skin. Use an EPAregistered insect repellent such as those with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. (Be sure to follow label directions.) Even when you are only outdoors for a short time that's a long enough time to get a mosquito bite.

General Precautions Regarding Insect Repellents:

- * Insect repellents should always be used according to the product's label.
- * Do not use DEET on children under the age of 2 months.
- * Do not use more than 10% DEET concentration on children and infants.
- * Apply DEET and picaridin sparingly on exposed skin; do not use under clothing.
- * Do not apply insect repellent on the hands or around the eyes and mouth of young children.
- * Do not use insect repellent over cuts, wounds or irritated skin.
- * Wash treated skin with soap and water after returning indoors; wash treated clothing.

Many people infected with the WNV have no symptoms. If symptoms occur, they may include fever, headache, body aches, sore throat, fatigue, rash and swollen glands. Occasionally, a person can experience more serious symptoms such as a rapid onset of high fever, confusion, tremors, stiff neck, paralysis and swelling of the brain. The most severe cases tend to occur among persons over age 50, but the virus may affect persons of any age.

August 2, 2006

To: All Physicians, Administrators and Laboratory Personnel

From: Bruce Dart, PhD, Health Director

Subject: Physician Advisory

SHIGELLOSIS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has received reports of two laboratory confirmed cases of Shigella Sonnei in children who attend a local child care facility. A follow-up investigation identified several other children and three teachers in this facility who have been symptomatic within the past 1-3 weeks.

All parents of children attending the facility have been notified and provided information regarding Shigella. They have been advised to keep their child home if he or she is symptomatic and to call their health care provider if symptoms last more than 48 hours.

Shigella isolates identified in Lancaster County have been resistant to Ampicillin and Bactrim. If antibiotic therapy is initiated, it is essential that sensitivity data be reviewed and therapy be modified, if indicated.

The LLCHD strongly recommends:

- 1. A stool culture should be obtained for **all** diarrhea cases which have persisted for more than 48 hours. This is especially true for individuals presenting with a diarrheal illness who are employed as food handlers, health care workers and child care providers.
- 2. Symptomatic children with lab confirmed cases of Shigellosis, will be excluded from child care centers, schools or home day care until they have been on antibiotic treatment for 48 hours and asymptomatic for 24 hours. If not treated, two lab confirmed negative cultures for Shigella will be required before the child can return to a child care center or school.

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3. Those individuals who are lab confirmed with Shigella and employed as food handlers, health care workers or in child care centers should be excluded from work until medication is completed and until two successive fecal samples or rectal swabs (collected at least 24 hours apart, but no sooner than 48 hours after antibiotic therapy is completed), are negative for Shigella.

We urge you to test and treat all individuals who are symptomatic and a contact of a confirmed case of shigellosis. Please immediately report suspect or confirmed cases of Shigellosis to the Communicable Disease Program of the LLCHD at 441-8053, after hours or weekends call 441-8000 and ask for the Communicable Disease Program. Your help is vitally important in our efforts to reduce transmission of Shigellosis in our community.

Physician Advisory Available By E-Mail

Physicians, Advance Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Health-Care and Laboratory Administrators can receive periodic physician advisories by e-mail. Send an e-mail to ttimmons@ci.lincoln.ne.us with your name, type of practitioner (MD, ARNP, PA-C, Administrator, etc.) and location of practice.

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Thank you for recognizing the widespread community impact that our Lincoln City Libraries have on the citizens of Lincoln. As you may know, over 1.5 million people walked through the doors of our 8 libraries during the eleven month period ending February, 2006. More Lincoln children attended reading programs in our libraries in the last year than attend Lincoln Public Schools. Taxpayer support has allowed equitable access for all Lincolnites to enrichment, to information, and often to higher education and skills.

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries has been the recipient of restricted donor funds, mainly through bequests, over the years. In the last year, we interviewed 70 community leaders and learned that there is deep support and recognition of the quality of our libraries and they are viewed as significant assets to the lifeblood of Lincoln. You should also be pleased that the 2003 customer survey of 4,148 library users and non-users revealed that 85.5% felt that our libraries were very or extremely important to the quality of life in Lincoln. This is the 2nd highest customer satisfaction level in the 21 communities surveyed by the consultants.

STAFF

Nicole Zink Executive Director Your good stewardship of tax dollars has been wisely spent on the Lincoln City Libraries. Few government agencies can claim the citizen satisfaction and community leadership support that Lincoln City Libraries has earned.

We ask you to continue the support of the Lincoln City Libraries so that the doors of our 8 libraries can continue to be open to our citizens and to all the possibilities they will find there.

Sincerely,

Lynn Roper, President

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Dear Council Members:

We, the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees, are among this year's 744 volunteers who support and assist the library in serving the Lincoln community. We have more than a million and a half patron visits annually and over 45,000 children and young adults attending programs. The satisfaction level of the library services was rated 85.5% based on our customer survey performed in 2003.

We're proud of the library's 128 year history in the Lincoln community. Though demands for technology, services and media (books, DVD's, CD's, etc.) increase, we have strived for efficiency to serve the total community effectively, regardless of economic standing or other factors. With no increase in staffing from previous years, Lincoln City Libraries proudly provides the services needed to attain the quality of life our growing, expanding community desires.

The total budget presented includes both public and private funds. We strive to provide a continuation of services to meet the community's demands including upto-date accurate information and support to survive in today's technological world. We've reviewed and studied the budget since February to make certain resources are being used to the greatest extent possible. We've struggled with cuts, reductions and absorption of increases in utility costs.

We encourage you to accept the budget as presented as we strive to maintain and accommodate increased use of our libraries for a greater Lincoln community.

Most sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

City Council

FROM:

Marvin Krout, Director of Planning

SUBJECT:

Proposed Planner I budget cut

DATE:

August 3, 2006

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Mayor Seng

City-County Planning Commission

Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Steve Hubka Kent Morgan

I don't envy your job this next week on deciding if and where to make budget cuts. And I'm sure that every department head will tell you that the programs and positions that you are considering cutting from their budget are critical to their operations. Still, I want to go on record as having informed you of the implications of cutting our long-range Planner I position.

The long-range section is involved in the following activities:

- Maintaining and updating the Comprehensive Plan, and the annual preparation and review of the Capital Improvements Program. These tasks are mandated by federal and state law and city charter. Tasks include technical research and analysis, coordination between departments and agencies, report writing, helping staff the Planning Commission, and coordinating public participation. Currently, we are working with Information Services to develop a new database application that will make inputting, analyzing, formatting, and monitoring projects and money much easier.
- Preparing subarea land use plans which are critical to efficient and coordinated infrastructure planning. Recent subarea studies include: North 27th Street, Capitol Beach Lake, Northwest Lincoln, Southeast Lincoln, Stevens Creek, Wilderness Park, and most recently the Downtown Master Plan and Airport West study.
- 3. Providing input on land use assumptions, economic and environmental impacts, and other information that is critical to other departments and agencies who are preparing sewer master plans, redevelopment plans, negotiating development agreements, designing traffic improvements, etc.

- 4. Coordinating the historic preservation program, which involves surveys, design review, education, and staffing the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 5. Assisting the Development Review section in evaluating applications for the Comprehensive Plan; design review for compliance with Neighborhood Design Standards, and staffing of the Urban Design Committee and Capital Environs Commission.
- 6. Undertaking various "special projects" that are identified in the Comprehensive Plan, or requested by the Mayor, elected boards, or Planning Commission. Recent assignments included: technical work and staffing of two infrastructure finance committees which led to the impact fee ordinance and other new revenues, the Congestion Management Task Force, theater studies, attitudinal surveys, cost of rural services analysis, build-through acreage standards, Neighborhood Design Standards, policies on temporary pump stations, directed impact fees, and currently, a review of outdoor lighting standards and staffing the Mayor's Event Facilities Task Force. Many of these projects resolved pesky policy issues and have made the development review process easier and more predictable.

If we lose the Planner I, we can continue to provide mandated services and some of the other services by reassigning duties to remaining personnel. The impacts of the cut will be:

- A. Unable to undertake subarea planning or the special projects such as those listed above.
- B. Reduced time to spend on remaining activities, which will mean no more formal annual Comprehensive Plan reviews, no more annual trends reports, less time to do analytical research, less time on public involvement efforts, and no time to work on productivity improvements such as the new database application for the CIP.
- C. Unable to continue review of development standards and processes. As our Development Review section focuses on improved project management and customer service, as recommended in the Zucker report, there will be less time for special projects I have assigned to them in the past, such as: staffing the Group Homes Task Force and the Downzoning Committee, developing the various amendments that streamlined procedures for zoning and subdivision review, amending the landscape and screening requirements, and the outdoor dining amendments. Our goals in the budget submission showed our intention to take up signage and parking provisions, eliminate use permit requirements, and, as the Zucker report recommends, rewriting and simplifying the zoning

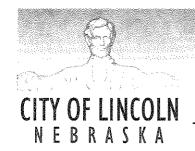
City Council

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ordinance. Also, the Planning Commission, in discussions on the Comprehensive Plan, has indicated the desire to rework the standards for neighborhood business centers. The reorientation of Development Review along with the loss of the Planner I position means we will have little or no staff time for those projects.

Planning policy issues are controversial more often than not, and not just here in Lincoln, believe me. I'm sure each of you can look at the lists of projects above and point to some you could have lived without and others you wish we had left alone. But I hope you would agree that many of these projects were worthwhile, and that ignoring pesky problems does not usually get rid of them. The cities with strong planning programs are the most successful at retaining and attracting good-paying jobs and well-trained labor. Also, I hope you would agree that the Planning Department has placed more emphasis on efforts that benefit rather than just burden the business and development community in the past few years, and I am committed to continuing that emphasis, regardless of your decision on the Planner I position.

Q:\msk\Council Budget Memo



Parks and Recreation Department Lynn Johnson, Director 2740 "A" Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

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July 31, 2006

Lincoln City Council 555 So. 10th Street, Suite 111 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

RE: Budget for Maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities

Dear City Council Members:

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee recognizes the significant challenges faced by Mayor Seng and the City Council in preparing the city budget for the upcoming fiscal year as a result of stagnating sales tax revenue. However, our Committee is compelled to submit the following recommendations as a long term funding strategy is developed for our community.

The proposed budget includes new maintenance of 6.5 miles of trails along the Salt Creek levee and paralleling the northern section of Antelope Creek. No new funding is provided, and therefore maintenance will need to be accomplished within existing resources. The long-standing Crescent Green agreement determined that the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) would construct trail improvements along the Salt Creek levee and that the City of Lincoln would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of these trails. The LPSNRD recently formally requested that the City of Lincoln take over maintenance of the Salt Creek levee trails. The timing may be unfortunate given the current budget situation, but it is important that the City "make good" on the long-standing agreement with the LPSNRD.

The committee hopes and encourages that stretching existing resources to cover new facilities is a onetime situation. Development of Lincoln's trail system has been accomplished primarily by private donations and local government funds leveraging significant Federal grant funding. Acceptance of the Federal grant funds is contingent upon the commitment of the City of Lincoln to provide adequate funding for ongoing maintenance. The funding strategy for expansion of Lincoln's trails system is heavily dependent upon continuing to secure Federal grant funding. It would be truly unfortunate if short-term budget decisions were to threaten important long-term funding opportunities.

An area of equal concern is funding within the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for repair and replacement of parks and recreation facilities. Adequate funding must be provided for repair and replacement of our parks and recreation infrastructure to protect our community's investment in these facilities into the future. The committee appointed in September 2005 by Mayor Seng to review needs and to develop a funding strategy for repair and replacement of our parks and recreation infrastructure determined that about \$1.3 million is needed on an annual basis to make repairs and replacements to about \$130 million of infrastructure. The committee recommended that general revenue funds be used for this purpose. The proposed budget continues the trend of declining general revenue funding for

repair and replacement of parks and recreation facilities from \$1.2 million in FY 1995-06 to \$253,000 in FY 2006-07. We recognize that this deficiency cannot likely be addressed within the budget under discussion, but strongly encourage that it be addressed in upcoming years.

Again, the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee recognizes the challenges in of balancing many priorities in preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We recommend that every effort be made to adequately fund the ongoing regular maintenance of our trails system, <u>and</u> to adequately fund repair and replacement of our community's parks and recreation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Neal Thomas, Chair

Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

Cc: Mayor Coleen Seng

Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director

*** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ***

NOTICE:

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, in Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for a discussion with the County Ecological Advisory Committee. [Postponed until September 13, 2006]

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, in Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for a report by Planning staff on County Acreage lot inventory and continued workshop on text for the Comprehensive Plan update.

** PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2006

[Commissioners Cornelius and Krieser absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 2006. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA

(Public Hearing and Action):

PERMITS:

1.1

Page 01 Special Permit No. 1940A, an amendment to the Cardinal Heights Community Unit Plan, to adjust the lot lines, and waiver requests to reduce lot area and average lot width, on property generally located at NW 56th Street and Redberry Lane. *** **FINAL ACTION** ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Removed from Consent Agenda at the request of Commissioner Taylor and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 10, 2006, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Resolution No. PC-01007.

Page 11 1.2 Special Permit No. 06042, for a dwelling for members of a religious order, on property generally located at N. 61st Street and Morrill Avenue.

*** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

<u>Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 20, 2006, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).</u>

Resolution No. PC-01008.

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Special Permit No. 06043, for expansion of a non-standard use, on property generally located at S. 2nd Street and K Street. *** **FINAL ACTION** ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 19, 2006, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Resolution No. PC-01009.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Page 29 1.4 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 06009, to review a proposed amendment to the proposed 2006/07 - 2011/12 Capital Improvements Program involving construction of a 9th/10th/Van Dorn Street trail connector to be generally located on the north side of Van Dorn Street running from approximately S. 10th to S. 8th Streets, and on the south side of Van Dorn Street continuing west from 8th Street to connect with the Bison Trail, as to conformance with the 2025 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6372, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Page 37 1.5 Street & Alley Vacation No. 06006, to vacate the east-west alley, between Q & R Streets from 24th Street to 25th Street, generally located at N. 25th Street and R Street.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
tcomprehensive Plan Staff Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Public Hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.

Page 43 1.6 Waiver No. 06007, to waive sidewalks, on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Pine Lake Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov Removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing. Planning Commission 'final action': APPROVAL, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Resolution No. PC-01010.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE:

4.1 Change of Zone No. 06042, from AG Agricultural District to I-1 Industrial

Page District, on property generally located SE of S. 14th Street and Saltillo Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, <u>tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov</u>

Had public hearing.

Applicant's request for two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

4.2 Change of Zone No. 06043, from AG Agricultural District to I-1 Industrial
District, on property generally located SE of S. 14th Street and Saltillo Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Applicant's request for two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED
PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

4.3 Change of Zone No. 06044, from R-2 Residential District to B-1 Local Business District, on property generally located at A Street and Maxwell Street, Walton, NE.

Staff recommendation: Denial

Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

<u>Deferred for two weeks, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 1:00 p.m.</u>

PERMITS WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.4a Special Permit No. 06044, Grandale Community Unit Plan, for approximately 34 dwelling units, with requests to adjust setbacks, lot lines non-perpendicular to right-of-way, and allow lots without frontage to a public street on private roadway, on property generally located at S. 40th Street and Rokeby Road. *** **FINAL ACTION** ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will. 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 19, 2006, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Resolution No. PC-01011.

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Page 81 Page 89 4.4b Preliminary Plat No. 06009, Grandale, for approximately 189 lots, on property generally located at S. 40th Street and Rokeby Road. The Planning Commission action on the plat is final, unless appealed to the City Council. The following waivers are also being requested: a) block length; b) a non-standard intersection; c) exceed minimum centerline radius for curve; d) lot lines non-perpendicular to right-of-way; e) exceed the maximum intersection approach grade; f) street alignment. Any waiver requests that are recommended for denial will be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing. If all waiver requests are recommended for approval, the Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, <u>bwill@lincoln.ne.gov</u> Had public hearing.

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 19, 2006, with the amendments requested by the applicant and agreed upon by staff, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

Resolution No. PC-01012.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Page 129 4.5 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 06001, to amend the 2025 Lincoln/ Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to change land from Agricultural to Industrial and Commercial between N. 40th Street and N. 56th Street, north of Interstate 80 and south of Bluff Road; a change from Agricultural to Low Density Residential on the south side of Bluff Road 1/4 mile west of N. 56th Street; and to designate all of the land in the proposal as Tier I, Priority A, and include inside the Future Service Limit.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, <u>shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov</u> <u>Had public hearing.</u>

<u>Deferred for two weeks, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 1:00 p.m.</u>

Page 143 4.6 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 06008, to review the proposed "North 56th Street and Arbor Road Redevelopment Plan" for the area generally bounded by N. 70th Street on the east, N. 40th Street on the west, on either side of Interstate 80, and between Bluff Road on the north and Salt Creek on the south, except the Bluff Road Landfill Facility, as to conformance with the 2025 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov Deferred for two weeks, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

5. OTHER ITEMS:

5.1 Change of Zone No. 06040, from B-1 Local Business District, B-3 Commercial District, and R-6, R-5 and R-4 Residential Districts to R-4 and R-2 Residential Districts, on property generally located between 40th and 48th Streets, from Randolph to "A" Streets.

Previous action deferring continued public hearing until November 8, 2006, RESCINDED, 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2006, 1:00 p.m., 7-0 (Cornelius and Krieser absent).

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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PENDING LIST:

- 1. Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 "M" Street.

 (6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request
 - (6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)
- 2. Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 03009, by the Director of Planning, at the request of Jim Hrouda, Mayor for the City of Hickman, to amend the 2025 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to adopt the Hickman Horizon Plan as an approved subarea plan and amend the Land Use Plan to reflect commercial and low density residential uses in the vicinity of Hickman.
 - (5-21-03: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to defer until completion of the rural acreage studies called for in the Comprehensive Plan.)
- 3. Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street.
 - (3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)

- 4. Change of Zone No. 06040, from B-1 Local Business District, B-3 Commercial District, and R-6, R-5, and R-4 Residential Districts to R-4 and R-2 Residential Districts, on property generally located between 40th and 48th Streets, from Randolph to "A" Streets.
 (7-5-06: Planning Commission voted 5-2 to continue public hearing on November 8, 2006.)
- 5a. County Preliminary Plat No. 06008, Rokeby Acres, for 6 lots, with request to waive block length, on property located at SW 40th Street and W Rokeby Road. (7-5-06: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to continue public hearing on October 11, 2006.)
- 5b. County Special Permit No. 06038, to allow dwelling units within 1320 feet of a public lake, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and W Rokeby Road. (7-5-06: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to continue public hearing on October 11, 2006.)
- 6. Street & Alley Vacation No. 06004, to vacate the 25' right-of-way adjacent to the east line of Lot 6 I.T. and the west line of Lots 7, 8, & 9, Block 3, Gieren's First Addition, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 30-10-8, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at East A Street and Madison Street, Walton, NE. (7-19-06: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on August 16, 2006.)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor's Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Mayor Coleen Seng

Ann Harrell

Marvin Krout, Kent Morgan, Sara Hartzell

Don Herz. Steve Hubka

Karl Fredrickson

FROM:

Jean Walker, Planning

DATE:

August 3, 2006

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the proposed FY 2006-2012 Capital Improvements Program

CC:

City Council

Mike Brienzo, Public Works

Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation

David Cary, Planning

Please be advised that on August 2, 2006, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission voted 7-0 to find the following proposed amendment to the draft FY2006-2012 Capital Improvements Program, requested by the Director of Parks & Recreation, to be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan:

To add a project to the proposed 2006/07-2011/12 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to construct a 9th/10th/Van Dorn Streets Trail Connector.

A copy of the staff report is attached, for your information. On August 2, 2006, this proposed amendment appeared on the Consent Agenda of the Planning Commission and was opened for public hearing. No one came forward to speak.

Please let me know if you need anything further to incorporate this into the proposed FY2006-2012 Capital Improvements Program.

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LINCOLN CITY/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REPORT

for August 2nd, 2006 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

P.A.S.#:

Comprehensive Plan Conformance #06009

Date: July 17th, 2006

PROPOSAL:

Add to the proposed 2006/07 - 2011/12 Capital Improvement Program

(CIP) a project to construct a 9th/10th/Van Dorn Streets Trail

Connector.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed CIP project is in conformance with the Comprehensive

Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Find that this request is in conformance with the

Comprehensive Plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

LOCATION:

Generally located on the north side of Van Dorn Street running from

east of South 10th to South 8th Streets, and continuing on the south side of Van Dorn Street running west to connect to the existing Bison

Trail.

EXISTING ZONING:

North

B-1 (Local Business District)

R-2 (Residential District) R-7 (Residential District) I-1 (Industrial District)

South

P (Public)

I-1 (Industrial District)

East

R-4 (Residential District)

West

I-1 (Industrial District)

EXISTING LAND USE: Currently, the land to the north of Van Dorn Street in the project area is in residential use or is vacant, except along the western end which is in industrial use. However, the land between 9th and 10th Streets is zoned for local business and a commercial and office development is planned. Land to the south of Van Dorn Street in the project area is in public use as Van Dorn Park, except for the western end which is industrial use. Land to the east is in residential use. Land to the west is in industrial use.

HISTORY: The multiple parcels that make up Van Dorn Park were acquired through donation and acquisition. Historic records indicate that the property abutting Van Dorn

CPC06009 9th/10th/Van Dorn Street Trail Connector

Street was donated to the City upon the condition that it be for park purposes (July 14, 1919). Much of the eastern portion of the park was acquired in 1925 and the western portion was acquired through a \$100,000 donation in 1963. The current park rental building was originally a branch library, but was closed due to difficult access.

The area to the north of the proposed trail connector underwent a recent zone change to B-1 Local Business District (CZ06012, approved June 5, 2006) and plans are underway to bring commercial and office uses to this site.

The intersection of 9th and 10th and Van Dorn Streets is currently being realigned as a safety improvement project and is anticipated to be completed in 2007.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SPECIFICATIONS:

Community Form: Transit, pedestrian, and bicycle networks should maximize access and mobility to provide alternatives and reduce dependence upon the automobile. (P. F-17)

Community Form: Interconnected networks of streets, trails and sidewalks should be designed to encourage walking and bicycling, reduce the number and length of automobile trips, conserve energy and for the convenience of residents. (P. F-18)

Future Conditions - Residential: Interconnected networks of streets, trails and sidewalks should be designed to encourage walking and bicycling and provide multiple connections within and between neighborhoods. (P. F-66)

Future Conditions - Mobility and Transportation: Extend the bicycle and trails system into the new neighborhoods as the city grows. Connections should be made to schools, parks, and other activity areas. (P. F-94)

Future Conditions - Mobility and Transportation: Identify critical segments offering greater system continuity and connections for major activity centers, schools and the University of Nebraska. Undertake projects to complete identified gaps in the system. (P. F-94)

ANALYSIS:

1. This project is proposed to be added to the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP), in year one with funding of \$200,000 from Other Funding sources. Possible funding sources include Recreational Trails Program funds, Statewide Arboretum landscape funds, and Tax Increment Financing. The proposed CIP was found to be Generally In Conformance with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan on June 7th, 2006 and is currently being reviewed by the

City Council as part of the 2006/07 budget process.

2. This project must be shown in the 6 year CIP in order to receive federal Recreational Trails Program funding. According to the City Charter:

"No ordinance, or resolution, which deals with the acquisition, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, vacation, abandonment, sale or other change relating to any public way, transportation route, ground, open space, building or structure, or other public improvement of a character included in the comprehensive plan, shall be adopted by the council until such ordinance or resolution shall first have been referred to the planning department and that department has reported regarding conformity of the proposed action to the comprehensive plan".

Because this project was not a part of the proposed CIP as reviewed by the Planning Commission, it is being brought before that body at this time so that a determination of conformity may be made and it may be added to the final version of the CIP.

- 3. The Comprehensive Plan Future Trails Map identifies this section of trail as both existing (on the south side of Van Dorn) and future (connecting to the residential area on the east).
- 4. The interconnectivity of transportation facilities, including trails, is identified in several areas of the Comprehensive Plan as being a desirable goal. Interconnected trails provide the transportation alternatives and recreational opportunities that are valued by the community.
- 5. Public Works & Utilities is currently finalizing the design of the safety improvement project at the 9th, 10th, and Van Dorn Street (Nebraska Highway 2) intersection. The purpose of this project is to address longstanding safety concerns at this intersection. This intersection connects Nebraska Highway 2 to Highway 77 and on to Interstate 80. This is currently a major route for truck and passenger traffic.
- 6. Part of the safety improvements for the intersection will include direction of pedestrian and trail activity away from the higher traffic south side of the intersection, Avoiding Highway 2 traffic, and utilizing an existing grade separated crossing just west of South 8th Street to connect to Van Dorn Park and Bison Trail. The trail on the south side of Van Dorn, between 9th and 10th Streets, will be discontinued for the most part with a portion of it becoming an internal trail in Van Dorn Park. Landscaping and a possible entry feature for the Irvingdale Neighborhood will be included in the project.
- 7. This trail connection conforms with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, to increase the connectivity

and variety of transportation facilities, and to connect neighborhoods to recreational and other community facilities.

Prepared by:

Sara S. Hartzell, 441-6372 shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov

Planner

DATE:

July 17th, 2006

APPLICANT:

Lynn Johnson, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

2740 A Street Lincoln, NE 68502

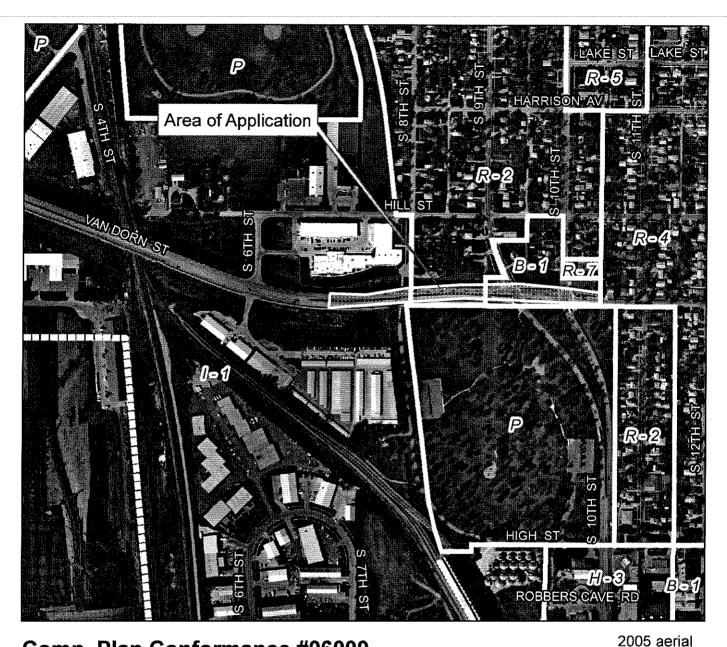
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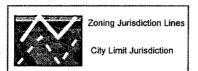
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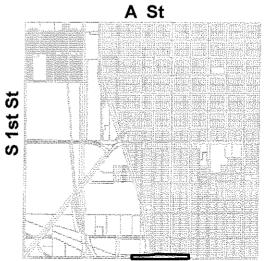
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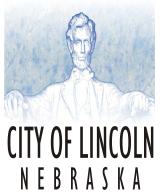
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Public Use District

A request from the Parks and Recreation Department to find in conformance with the approved 2025 Lincoln City/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan a project to be included in the proposed 2006/07 - 2011/12 Capital Improvement Program involving construction of a 9th/10th/Van Dorn Street Trail Connector to be generally located on the north side of Van Dorn Street running from approximately South 10th to South 8th Streets, and on the south side of Van Dorn Street continuing west from 8th Street to connect with the Bison Trail.

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August 1, 2006

STORM SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT #701679a 6th and "J" Street

The City of Lincoln has awarded the construction of the storm sewer at 6th and "J" Street area to Pavers Inc. of Lincoln. This project started last fall with the bore under the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks at approximately 5th and "J" Street. We have split this into two phases as follows:

Phase 1: Last fall was the bore of pipe under the side track of Burlington Northern Railroad at 5th and "J". This summer will be the looping of the gas main by Aquila. This work is

complete.

Phase 2: This will be the completion of the storm sewer pipe from approximately mid-block of 5th to 6th Street in J Street to approximately east of 4th Street crossing "J" Street. Pavers Inc will be starting work the week of August 7, 2006.

If you have trailers or material stored in this area of the proposed storm sewer, please relocate it until the project is completed (map is located on the back of this advisory).

The City is aware of inconveniences during construction concerning parking and loss of services (utility/water/gas, etc.). Please be patient and we will rectify the situation as quickly as possible.

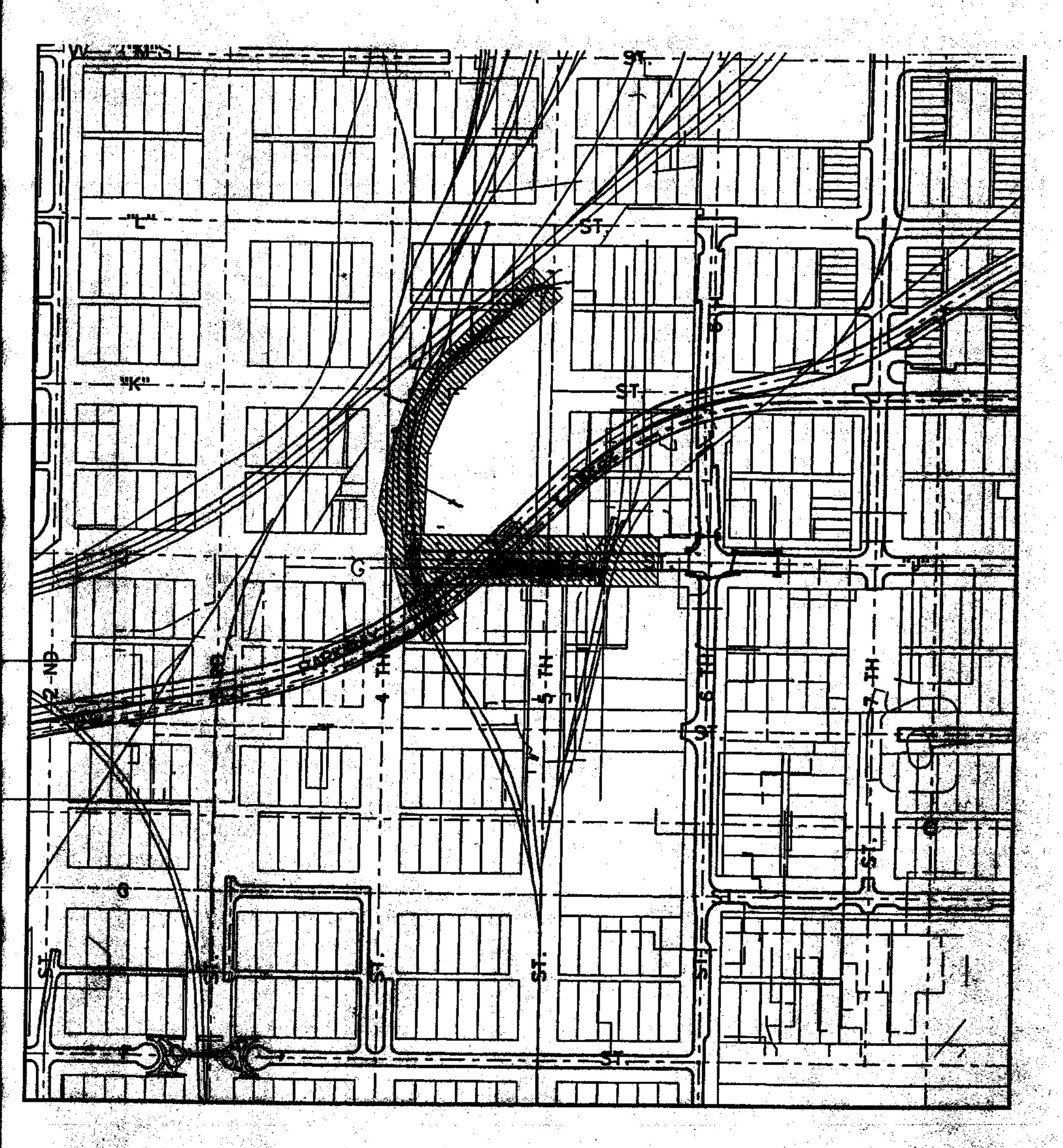
If you have you any problems or questions during the construction period, please contact Pavers Inc. at (402) 786-5900 or the City of Lincoln Project Manager.

Charlie Wilcox, Project Manager City of Lincoln, Engineering Services 531 Westgate Boulevard, Suite 100

Phone: (402) 441-7532 Cell: (402) 440-6067 cwilcox@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Fwd: Council issues.

Jon Camp Lincoln City Council City Council Office: 441-8793

----Original Message----From: JimAdams1@aol.com
To: CAMPJON@aol.com

Sent: Wed, 26 Jul 2006 11:16 PM

Subject: Council issues.

Jon.

Thanks for your action on the concealed carry ban. I should say, Thanks for stopping another City of Lincoln attempt at restricting our rights as granted by our Nation and State. The issue for me, is not whether I have a concealed carry license or not. Rather it is my right to have one as established by my State government and not being stripped of that right by a dictatorial mayor and police chief who think they are smarter than our legislators, you and everyone else. What the Mayor doesn't understand; as evidenced by her second attempt at grandstanding, is this legislation is for law abiding citizens. The lawless will not be applying and do not care whether we have concealed carry or any other laws. They will carry weapons and commit the crimes, regardless of the laws. Her bobbing head police chief is only trying to feather his nest and not about to give up his weapon. His mentality is that if we all wore leg irons, it would mak! e his job easier catching the bad guys. Maybe it's time for a more positive thinking and less political police chief.

I doubt you will find total consensus on any issue before the council. There will be as many unhappy folks on any issue as there are happy folks. My only advice is to be very careful of what liberties any government body should want to take away from the people.

Thank you for thinking of our liberty first, instead of someone's prejudice.

Jim Adams 8410 Pinedale Ave. Lincoln, NE, 68520 Mail To:jimadams1@aol.com 402-430-9002

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Subject Re: Bus Fares

Pam:

Thanks for the article and information on public transit trends. I will share this with my Council colleagues.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Officer 4

City Council Office: 441-8793

----Original Message----

From: pamjames@hotmail.com

To: campjon@aol.com

Sent: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 7:37 AM

Subject: Re: Bus Fares

This Reuters article expresses what I was talking about. We have an opprtunity for the StarTran System!

[IMAGE]

US gasoline at \$3 drives people onto buses, trains

Tue Jul 25, 2006 11:42 AM ET

By Carolyn Koo

NEW YORK, July 25 (Reuters) - Gasoline prices at near-record highs are fueling a big increase in the number of riders on buses and trains, prompting cities around the country to improve their public transport systems, transportation agencies said on Tuesday.

The Energy Information Administration, the U.S. government's top energy forecasting agency, on Monday said the average U.S. retail gasoline price increased 71 cents over a year ago to \$3 a gallon, the second highest pump price ever.

The highest price, \$3.057 a gallon, came in the wake of Hurricane Katrina last summer. If that experience is any indication, it showed Americans can indeed be forced from their cars at the right price.

"Around the time Katrina hit and the gas prices started approaching \$3, we began to hear from our members that they were seeing large spikes in ridership," William Millar, president of the American Public Transport Association, said.

"There were literally dozens of cities that were seeing double-digit increases."

It's estimated that U.S. riders of public transport save 855 million gallons of gasoline a year, or \$2.56 billion at current average prices for a gallon of regular gasoline, according to the APTA.

The APTA and transportation agencies around the country are optimistic they'll continue enjoying increased ridership as gasoline prices go up.

In the first quarter, as gas prices started to surge again, public transportation ridership rose 4.25 percent nationwide, representing almost 2.5 billion trips, the APTA said.

The increase "seems to relate very largely to gas prices," Millar said. "Hearing anecdotally from our members about their second quarter numbers, it would appear that trend is continuing."

LOCAL TAXES TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS

Websites are helping to make a difference, with several transit systems around the nation, including Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Dallas, enjoying increased hits on their sites. "You might look at that as an indication of future business," said Millar.

Traffic on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) website has "gone up and actually spiked with the rises in gas prices," said DART spokesman Morgan Lyons.

The boost in ridership has many of the country's transit systems looking to make improvements, with ballot initiatives asking voters for permission to raise local taxes for public transit or to continue taxes that were scheduled to end.

For instance, Salt Lake City, where ridership is up 43 percent versus a year ago, is asking the public this fall for \$900 million to add 30 miles (48.3 km) of tracks to the city's light rail system in a project that is expected to cost \$1.2 billion.

Polling indicates 93 percent of voters in the area want a chance to vote on the initiative, with 65 percent of them saying they would approve the plan, according to Utah Transit Authority spokesman Justin Jones.

"You have to have the demand in order to justify doing that," said Joan Hunter, a spokeswoman for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. "I think now the interest for the first time in years is really high."

From: campjon@aol.com
To: pamjames@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Bus Fares

Date: Fri, 21 Jul 2006 18:23:00 -0400

Pam:

Thanks for your email. . .this has been a very busy week and I am just getting to my emails.

It appears that no changes will be made at this time to the Ride for Five plan.

Please understand that this program was previously \$30 a month, so we had decreased the cost substantially as an attempt to encourage ridership, fully intending to gradually raise the rate. You are not alone in expressing concerns for our disadvantages citizens and are to be commended for your efforts.

Keep riding. We will do our best to help with StarTran. You probably already know that the taxpayer pays about 84% of the cost of the system for those passengers on our regularly schedule

routes.

Best regards,

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council

City Council Office: 441-8793

----Original Message----

From: pamjames@hotmail.com To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov Sent: Tue, 18 Jul 2006 7:34 PM

Subject: Bus Fares

Dear Mr. Camp,

Thank you for your service to our city. I'd like to share some of my thoughts with you regarding Startran bus fares and expenses.

People who ride the bus should be rewarded by the city, not punished. Please do not support increases in fares in the "Ride for Five" program, as they are essential to those who cannot drive themselves due to disability, and others who live on fixed incomes. People in Lincoln who are unable to drive have no other choice!

I believe it is short-sighted to raise the prices on those who use the bus system most during a time when we should instead be encouraging members of the community to hop on the bus and share the load. Current fuel costs for all are a perfect time to launch programs to increase bus ridership, fight Lincoln's dependence on foreign oil, and lower car traffic. I was just in Lexington, KY, where all their buses have bike racks on the front to encourage biking and riding.

Lincoln's bus system has great buses and drivers, but hours of operation that are too short to assist in evening rides for people who want to go to the movies, plays, theaters, concerts, or out to the fine Lincoln businesses downtown.

Please encourage yourself, others on the Council, and those in local government to see the wisdom of greening Lincoln by hopping a ride.

Pam James

Downtown resident

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Subject Fwd: Proposed city gun regulations

For Council

Jon Camp Lincoln City Council City Council Office: 441-8793

----Original Message-----From: dixon56@nntc.net

To: dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov;

amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov;

pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov

Sent: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 8:22 AM

Subject: Proposed city gun regulations

After reading the Journal article on more restrictions that are to be proposed by K. Svoboda and others, I was compelled to voice my concerns. I understand the concerns city staff may have for the safety of it's citizens, but those same citizens have rights afforded under both the constitution, bill of rights and state law.

Under the conceal carry law there will be stringent restrictions for those whom would qualify for the permit. Under which any violation of or miss use of said weapon would immediately result in forfeiture of the permit. For those who are citizens that do not have a permit, they still have the right both under the constitution and state law to possess and carry (not concealed) a weapon for protection of life and property.

There are a monumental number of laws on the books to cover the exact things that are going to be proposed to the council. It seems to me that it is more of a political ploy to appease the disgruntled citizens of Lincoln than anything else. One must realize that personal responsibility cannot be legislated but must belong to the individual with which in the end will pay the penalty if needed. I think the council would be hard pressed to prevent possession of a weapon for self defense in a home other than if that person was a felon. You would be imposing on the constitutional rights of that individual and I feel he would win that court battle.

I realize there are always going to be some who will miss use a weapon, that's human nature, you will never change that. But our laws are for those individuals and no amount of legislation will stop their intentions.

Chief Tom Casady is doing a little fear mongering to influence the council when he says that it is frightening to think of someone with a weapon who he has been convicted of a lesser crime. In other words a misdemeanor. Some types of misdemeanor crimes are not severe enough in

nature (according to law) to keep one from gun possession. Misdemeanor in the dictionary means misbehaving, a minor offense apparently not meeting that level.

In the forthcoming proposals to the council several questions stand out in my mind. Like one cannot possess a gun if under the influence? If the person has one in a vehicle but not using it in a unlawful manner then my question is what threat was he and what law has he broken? The same with conviction of indecent exposer? Being illegal if not immoral still has no connection with weapon possession, except if he made threats with a weapon..

It seems these proposals are far reaching fear mongering in the least. And they are reading more into gun ownership than is necessary, because those citizens have had guns for years these are not new.

I would hope the council would not act on those proposals and enforce laws already on the books.

LeRoy Penlerick 57825-871Rd Dixon,NE. 68732 dixon56@nntc.net

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Subject Fwd: property tax relief

Jon Camp Lincoln City Council City Council Office: 441-8793

----Original Message----

From: mfitch@commonwealthelectric.com

To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov; dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov; amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov;

pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov

Sent: Thu, 27 Jul 2006 7:36 AM Subject: property tax relief

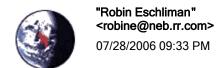
Council Members

As a property owner in Lincolnthe upcoming decision by the City Council on whether to take cuts in the budget to minimize the tax increase in Lincolnare of great concern to me. I wish to express my concern that instead of taking the full \$3 million in cuts, the Council is considering only taking about \$600,000 leaving the property owners with about a 12% increase in taxes. I ask that the Council please consider taking the full \$3 million in cuts instead of once again putting the burden on the property owner, who is already paying more than their share of taxes.

I ask for your re-evaluation of the plight of the Lincolnproperty owner.

Marilyn Fitch Chief Accountant Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest 402-473-2223 mfitch@commonwealthelectric.com

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Subject Fw: Tax Increase

Tammy, you can post online Robin Eschliman ----- Original Message -----

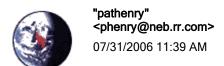
From: RogerYant@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 7:48 PM

Subject: Tax Increase

This increase that is about to hit the tax payers will send even more people running to get out of Lincoln. One of the reasons people are fed up now is that the Mayor and the Council have no nerve to follow through and make the cuts that are needed. First the city says sales tax revenues are down, then they want to jack up the taxes even more, thus giving people less to spend. The sales taxes will go down even further. If you take away money from people they have to cut somewhere. The schools have enough money now, doesn't someone in city government have any control of the schools? They don't need another \$21 or \$14 million of our money, they don't need a dime more. Stop the spending now! The city having a 2 for 1 matching is wrong. The private sector doesn't do that. The matching all together should be done away with. I love it here but can't stand the way the city wastes money. We elect you people to make sure we are not getting taken for a ride, but a big ride is what we all are getting.

Sincerely, Roger Yant 580-1402



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Concealed Carry.

I realize what little I have heard on the radio regarding the proposed law changes regarding the concealed carry matter is incomplete, it does appear to me that it in no more than a 'feel good" solution to many and a "compromise" that may be used to attract voters to others (or both, in some cases). I agree some law changes are needed, but they should be in the requirements to purchase a gun as well as in the requirements to obtain a permit to carry. Further, these changes should be made at the state level, not the local level, and the Mayor, Chief Casady, and the Council members working on the problem should be working with the Lancaster County delegation to the Unicameral.

I base my thoughts on the fact that a person with less than legal ideas in mind will never apply for a permit to carry, and if Lincoln has more strict laws to purchase than the rest of the state, a person who could not pass the Lincoln requirements would simply go to a gun dealer in Fairbury. And he would never apply for a permit to carry.

Please ask yourselves if the fellow who killed the UNL soccer player obtained his gun in a legal manner. And what about the guns used in some local robbery's and other crimes. And would any of these people attempted to obtain a permit to carry?

How are you going to handle the person in Grand Island, for example, who obtains a permit to carry and visits Lincoln for a day, or for a job that would take several weeks? What about the same person who moves here? And consider the position of a person from a reciprocal state who does the same.

This, I believe, is best left to the State through the Legislature. I am certain the Senators from this area will listen attentively to your thoughts and concerns.

Patrick J. Henry 1460 Buckingham Dr. Lincoln, NE 68506 402-488-8098 Tammy J Grammer/Notes

To pjanssen@post.com

07/31/2006 10:11 AM

cc Joan E Ross/Notes@Notes

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Subject Re: InterLinc: Council Feedback

Dear Mr. Paul Janssen: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members. At the June 26th Formal Council Meeting, the concealed weapon item was placed on Pending to have Public Hearing & 2nd Reading on 7/31/06. At the Formal City Council Meeting on July 24th, this item was withdrawn, 5-2; Cook & Marvin dissenting. If you need further assistance regarding this issue, you can contact the City Clerk's Office at 441-7439. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy Grammer City Council Office 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508 Phone: 402-441-6867

Fax: 402-441-6533

email: tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov

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To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Paul Janssen Address: 711 South 45th City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402-314-1469

Fax:

Email: pjanssen@post.com

Comment or Question: Dear Council Members

I am contacting you in reference to the recent proposal Mayor Seng has made on the ban of concealed weapons in the city limits of Lincoln. I feel that the people of Nebraska have spoken for the right to carry a concealed weapon why should be deny them that right in Lincoln. Please vote against Mayor Seng's proposal and allow us the right to carry concealed weapons.

I also wanted to attend the meeting that you will be having on this issue. Please send me the day and time when the meeting will happen.

Thank you Paul Janssen



To City Council <tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Action for City Council - General received.

An action has been filed for City Council - General.

Tracking Number: 2571

Problem: Roundabouts at city street intersections.

Comments: In reading the Sunday Journal Star about the City Traffic Engineer and keeping his position, I feel that the one currently in the position should GO, since he is evidently behind the idea to install roundabouts. I lived in New Jersey for several years where they at least had the intellegence to remove most of the roundabouts they had. I do a small burn everytime I go around one here and woundered who is the responsible party for those stupid things. I know that I would not trade all of New Jersey for a little piece of Nebraska, but roundabouts are the wrong solution to whatever problem the traffic engineer think they solve. They are a terrible idea where people have driven on them for years and they are even worse where no one knows who goes first, which direction they are going to go, if you will ruin your tire from hitting the little curb that surrounds some of them, or anything else about them. If this city engineer goes, I say great! and if we can save \$126,000 or whatever, that is even better. Everyone knows we need something to at least keep taxes from going even higher.

PS: It also sounds to me like the Public Works Department needs a major change, maybe at the top!

Thanks for listening! Ron Jonas--Lincoln, NE

Go to your list of actions:

https://intralinc.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/action/default.asp

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.



To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: David Fletcher Address: 7232 Marie Ln

City: Lincoln, NE 68516-5629

Phone: 402-488-4687

Fax:

Email: dfletch@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:

To the Lincoln City Council,

I would ask each you to NOT to support the mayor's proposal to ban concealed weapons in Lincoln.

(If you would be interested in why I feel this is best course of action please feel free to call me and I'll discuss my reasons with you or your

staff.)
Thanks for your time.

David Fletcher



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Troy Kochner

Address: 342 Gaslight lane City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: Fax:

Email: raptoro104@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

Thank you for ending the Concealed Handgun Ban legislation. While some members of the City Council and the mayor still wish to push forward with their personal agendas, every Lincoln citizen I know and have spoken to are in favor of the right to carry concealed handguns and feel safer knowing they can actually protect themselves. The system to be implemented is a good system to weed out potential unsafe carriers (no system, even completely forbidding the right to carry, will stop criminals from carrying concealed). The difference between legal carry that is already in place and concealed carry is simply that the handgun will not attract unnecessary attention as it does when carried open.

Thank you, Troy Kochner



To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Jean Sanders

Address: 2828 Arlington Avenue City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402-435-7801 Fax: 402-435-5426

Email: jsanders@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question: Jonathan and Dan:

Thank you for your courage and vote on the concealed weapoms issue.

The Rest of You:

Shame on you for your handling of such an important subject. Furthermore, not one of you replied to my prior e-mail on this matter. Whether or not you agree with the speaker or writer, ignoring public opinion will not gain you praise or votes.

Jean Sanders jsanders@neb.rr.com



To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

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General Council

Name: Jan Pitsch

Address: 3225 Sheridan Blvd City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402 423-9052

Fax:

Email: jpitsch04@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

Let me try this again!! Has there been any thought given to re-examining the

ambulances to see if they met original specs??

JKP



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

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General Council

Name: Phil Harris Address: 7750 S 28th ST City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-202-1768

Fax:

Email: citizenphil@gmail.com

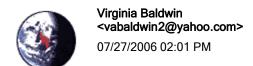
Comment or Question: Dear City Council:

Please put a stop to this hysterical anti-gun jihad that the Mayor and the Police Chief are on. Even with the expanded list of ineligible crimes, this is an issue which should be left to the legislature to fine tune.

This entire business treads very close to 2nd Amendment rights violations. By placing restrictions on misdemeanor crimes, such as long ago DUI convictions, or indecent exposure crimes because some kid thought it would ok to pee in an alley, I believe that you will be forced to defend such restrictions in a long and protracted court battle over constitutional issues. That is an unnecessary and unaffordable expense, and a distraction that this city cannot afford, whether we all agree with it or not.

Focus like a laser beam on the budget, property taxes, and economic development. Put a stop to this tyrannical social engineering obsession of Mayor Seng.

That is some good advice, and I hope you will hear it loud and clear.



To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us cc mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject ALARMING: Cancelling weapons ban hearing

Dear City Council Members -

I read in today's paper that you all have eliminated Monday's scheduled public hearing regarding Lincoln's adoption of a concealed weapons ban. I have been preparing to attend and speak at Monday's meeting as I am appalled at the prospect of walking around Lincoln knowing that some of the citizens I encounter will have been licensed to carry CONCEALED WEAPONS.

Will another hearing be scheduled so that you may assess the viewpoints of Lincoln's citizens on this matter?

Thank you,

Virginia Baldwin Professor Engineering Branch Librarian Physics and Astronomy Librarian Patent and Trademark Depository Librarian University of Nebraska-Lincoln 402-416-7059 (CELL)

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Subject property taxes

city council members;

stop these tax increases. people can only pay so much and then it becomes a burden. i don't understand why lincoln, ne. has such high taxes. this is maddening. we are trying to be good citizens and we realize it takes taxes to have schools and things taxes pay for but this is going to far. lincoln, ne has higher taxes than some big cities. take omaha for example. their homes and taxes are less expensive than lincoln. my family and i do not approve of the tax increase and i know you have the power to stop it. please do so for the citizens of lincoln, ne. we need tax cuts not increases.

bill & juanita dawes

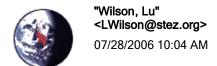


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Subject PROPERTY TAXES

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUR PROPERTY TAXES AGAIN!!!!!!! We in Lincoln are already taxed more than most cities in the US. Lets get a grip on spending!

Carol Johnson



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Protesting Increase in Lincoln's Property Taxes

Please add my husband's and my name to the list of people who are against the increase in property taxes. The City Council needs to be reassess this increase proposal and come up with a different plan. Aren't you suppose to be working for the people?

Dennis & Lu Wilson

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"Pete Beau" <pete.beau@homerealestate.com> 07/28/2006 10:49 AM To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Lower the mill levy

Please make the necessary cuts in the budget (apx. 3 million) to keep our property tax down. As the City finds itself in a tighter financial situation so do most of us working in Lincoln.. I'm in the new construction area of local real estate. This is our slowest year in 17 years and thus our incomes are way off. Our subcontractors are all feeling the financial pressure also. It's very difficult to have our income down and the City taking more dollars from us??? Another issue for people in my business (small landlord) is the fact that rent structure is FLAT AT BEST (we have units renting for less than they did two-three years ago) just to keep them occupied...A lot of folks are suffering great vacancy rates fight now and we have more new apartments coming on line over the next 12 months.. Thus with vacancies up, rents down the City of Lincoln can't be raising our property tax costs... Please make the necessary cuts..

Thanks Very Much

Pete Beau 1521 B Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68502



To council@lincoln.ne.gov cc bcc

Subject Property Taxes

We need to **CUT TAXES** for property not RAISE TAXES.

Do whatever you need to do to cut taxes.

I have read some of your constituents comments about you NOT tackling the Property Tax problem sufficiently.

You will have a Property Tax Revolt soon unless you handle this better than it has been handled.

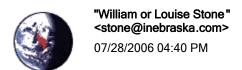
I have called my council member and told them I will \boldsymbol{help} in the Revolt.

Please **DEAL WITH THIS** so we can be nice to each other.

Ross Teske

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Subject Concealed weapons

Council Members:

After you voted to drop this discussion from your calander I had intended to write thanking you for your action.

However, it seems some of you did not really drop it, some of you at least decided to proceed, but less honestly, knowing I suppose that the honest debate was already lost in the legislature.

Those of you in that category can skip the rest of this letter since it deals only with facts and your minds are already made up on another basis.

I am writing this in the belief that most of you are not proceeding dishonesty but in ignorance, not having considered what is involved and who it will impact - it will not impact me or anyone in my family, by the way.

By adding "serious" misdemeanors (such as peeing behind a dumpster - what the last person I talked to who was convicted of indecent exposure actually did) you are again de facto disarming members of the public who are not a risk.

The Mayor may be correct in her apparent belief she can fool the public with the double talk about "serious" misdemenanors. There are of course no serious misdemenanors - misdemenanor means minor offense. And most of those listed in the paper are, in terms of the underlying behavior, unrelated to the use or misuse of firearms.

Consider further that most of the convictions for misdemeanors are not as conclusive as a conviction for a felony. These offenses are frequently uncontested even if the person is innocent because attorney's fees are high, the fines are low fine, the person is short of money, and because, historically, the loss of civil rights is associated with serious crime. So often the accused will plead no contest and pay the fine. It does not occur to them they will permanantly loose constitutional and civil rights for peeing in the ally.

Consider also that probably the majority of convictions for even the minority of misdemeanors which may be related to violence (e.g. assault) are plead out for the reasons cited above.

Consider further that even of the ones where the person actually is guilty the offense is often committed by a young person who may well never committ another offense. A teen age boy gets in a fight, gets convicted of an assault and then, under your proposal, looses a basic Constitutional right for the rest of his life.

Consider also that a significant minority of even offenses where the person is convicted of a charge where it is arguably related (e.g. domestic violence) is convicted on very marginal testimony (i.e. the unsupported testimony of an angry spouse), testimony which is not beyond a reasonable doubt and which would not result in a conviction of a felony. The conviction of a misdemeanor often occurs because the person does not insist on a jury trial and the judge is not taking beyond a reasonable doubt all that seriously but just going with the preponderence of the evidence.

Consider the case of my ex-daughter in law who got mad during an arguement and slapped my son (all her girlfriends agreed with her she was justified, by the way)and told the cop about it because she felt justified and ended up convicted of domestic violence. Do you really think she should be forever deprived of her constitutional right of self defense? I don't, and I don't even like her that much.

Hopefully the majority of you will remain with the last plan - to allow what the legislature passed to be fully implemented and see if there is a problem. As the Journal Star reported while fawning over the Mayor's latest proposal, the legislature did consider additional limitations to who may have concealed carry and decided against them.

If you do not entirely refrain, please exclude at least the following from your mistake:

- 1. Exclude misdemeanors that are unrelated to physical violence. Skip peeing in the street and a twenty-one year old buying beer for an eighteen year old friend.
- 2. Exclude convictions that occurred more than one or at most two years ago, in recognition of the fact most of these convictions are of young thoughtless people who will mature out of it and that even older people are learn their lesson and are not repeat offenders or globally dangerous.
- 3. Exclude juvenile offenses.
- 4. Exclude misdemeanor convictions based on no contest pleas or bench trials unless the trial Judge specifically told the accussed that conviction would result in a permanant loss of constitutional rights.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

William R. Stone, Jr.

sjaswal@unlserve.unl.edu 07/28/2006 04:49 PM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Lincoln Human Rights Commision Budget

Dear City Council Members:

I was surprised and disappointed to find that the elimination of the position of the Office Manager at LHRC is being considered by the City Council. I am one of the volunteer LHRC commissioners serving the city for the last five years.

Besides the director, LRHC has two invetigators, the office manager and a staff assistant. From my experience, all the staff members work their tails off to respond to the needs of our residents who feel discriminated against in violation of the city ordinance. A thorough investigation of the cases is a very long and arduous process and the two investigators do a remarkable job in completing their tasks. We must have them both to meet the work load needs of the Commission.

The director works tirelessly to perform all the jobs (such as discrimnation cases, outreach projects at public schools, churches and minority community centers, annual fair housing conference, HUD sponsored national training conferences. This is by no means a complete list.) commensurate with the mission of LHRC. I know of not many people who work as hard as he does for a very modest salary for someone with a law degree. Incidentally, he had me cohost a half an hour program with him to make people aware of the services of the Asian Community Center which was broadcast on the city channel in the month of May this year.

To meet the needs of the above mentioned staff, the office manager and the office assistant are almost a bare minimum. Once again, the people who have worked in these positions during my tenure on the Commission have been dedicated hard workers. Sandy Moody, the departing office manager, is phenomenonal and we are going to miss her badly.

We have come a long way in reducing the discrimination but we still have a long way to go yet. You as the guardians of the city anti-discrimnation ordinance have the responsibility to make sure that this job gets properly done by adequately funding the very dedicated workers at the LHRC. Therefore I most sincerely request you not to cut any employee from LHRC staff. I understand that the Mayer's request has already degraded the staff manager's position to that of a staff asssistant. I really feel that cutting a staff line will severely degrade the quality of the service necessary to fulfill the mission of our Commission. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely yours,

Sitaram Jaswal 3325 Grimsby Lane Lincoln, NE



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <houses@sellinglincoln.com>

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Subject Property tax increases

[IMAGE]

Dear Council Members All,

I encourage you to be very cautious about the increases that you are about to be responsible for. While it is true everything is going up and we know it will cost more to operate City Govt.; it will behoove you to keep the increases as low as possible and concentrate on funding those areas that will enhance revenue generation. The revenue generators will then allow for more money to fund the other things that we all want. If it is done the other way around, or all at once, it will have the effect of depressing the economy and stifling growth and confidence. This will have the opposite effect and will discourage people from locating here; building or buying and will ultimately make it impossible for us to have any of the things we want. Almost everyone, that lives here and those thinking about living here feel our taxes on property are in the stratosphere. Please do not allow a 12-14% increase. It will be hard to swallow any increase, but something more modest if absolutely necessary might be tolerated like 3 or 4 percent. We can have what we want if we go about it the correct way! It appears that much of our City benefits packages are out of touch with private sector and reality also. Please look into this for us.

Thank You All for serving!

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

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Comment or Question:

I have to ask . . . What were you thinking??? Where will my family be safe in the city of Lincoln now? I have tried to look at this from many angles, but I can not grasp any sane reasoning for allowing people to carry a concealed weapon. Why would you not want to hear what the people who put you in office have to say on this matter? Why would you not listen to the law enforcement in this city? Where do citizens have to be safe and who do we need safety from? Maybe the City Council.



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

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Comment or Question:

Dear Chair,

Regarding the councils choice too block public hearings prior to the state's law on concealed weapons, the Unicameral included the provivion to allow cities to determine their own standard for compliance. The council may be undermining the law, or breaking it, if city choice is not determined prior to Jan 2007. Let the public be heard in a timely manner and from the voice of the people, let your actions represent the city.

Integrity and credibility of the council and mayor's office have diminished over the past month, don't now make government look less than of the people for the people.

The public should be heard in a relevant and dtimely manner so the full intent of the law and community choice are complied with.



To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: James Nyman Address: 3820 S. 32nd Pl. City: Lincoln, NE 68502

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Comment or Question: Dear Council Members:

Our Legislature, in its last session, adopted L. B. 454, the Concealed Handgun Permit Act, scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2007. The Mayor urged that Lincoln, by the action of the City Council, exercise an option that the law permits and ban the operation of the Concealed Handgun Permit Act within the City of Lincoln. Twelve Senators voted against the Act on its final reading, including five of the six from Lincoln. I believe the vote of these five Senators represented a wise judgment that concealed handguns had no legitimate place in a well governed urban area. By a vote of five to two, apparently the City Council does not believe that the citizens of Lincoln deserve an opportunity to express their views on this vital matter. Even though the Act contains many exclusions as to places where concealed handguns may not be carried, many places where the ordinary law-abiding citizens go are not excluded. The Act requires that applicants for a permit to carry a concealed handgun must supply a certificate that he/she has received training in the handling of a weapon. The technical aspects of handgun management with respect to safe handling can be mastered quickly by most persons, but the kind of judgment of the appropriate circumstances for the actual firing of a weapon is a much more complex matter. Even police officers, whose constant training and regular duties involve judgments of when to use a weapon, occasionally make mistakes. The law wisely mandates a grand jury inquiry any time an individual is killed by a law enforcement officer in the course of duty. It would be that much more likely that an ordinary civilian, who might panic under circumstances where a trained officer might remain calm, would discharge a weapon. It seems to me likely that those who believe that their personal safety is so threatened as to require arming themselves, are that much more likely to act precipitously in situations that they perceive as threatening. As Chief of Police Cassidy has pointed out, the number of cases where a civilian is likely to thwart a criminal attempt are rare. I know that, if I were an armed felon undertaking a robbery and my intended victim made the slightest move that might be construed as reaching for a concealed handgun, I would not hesitate to fire my weapon. Even if none of the worst case scenarios come to pass, I think that as citizens living in a well governed community, and as responsible law-makers, we ought to do nothing to foster and reinforce the mind set that our personal safety depends on an armed civilian population. I urge you to reconsider your judgment that the citizens of Lincoln do not deserve an opportunity to discuss the question in an open democratic process. It would also be enlightening to hear why our elected representatives neither want to hear their constituents and why the Council seemingly does not wish to adopt a ban on concealed handguns within the geographic limits of your

jurisdiction. Respectfully, James Nyman



To council@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Taxes

We as citizens wanted the school bond to go through to improve the schools. However, now we find that the funding coming from the bond that raised everyone's taxes is above the budget for the next year. It would be nice that you could say that the schools did not need the total bond amount and lower what was asked for. Give something back to the public since they were so nice to vote yes to the bond.

Thank-you for your kind consideration.

Realtytrustgroup@aol.com

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Subject REAL ESTATE TAXES AND BUDGET CUTS

YOU MUST CUT BUDGETS

UNTIL SALES TAXES INCREASE,

INCREASES IN REAL

PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT THE ANSWER. THEY ARE BECOMING CONFISCATORY. I HAVE LIVED IN LINCOLN FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND

NOW WRITE CHECKS FOR LINCOLN REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE SIX FIGURES ON AGEING REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS . VACANT GATEWAY BOWL IS AN

EXAMPLE WHERE A TENANT CAN NOT SURVIVE.

EVEN 40 YEARS AGO, THE TAXES WERE MORE THEN OUR INCOME THERE.

R. WEIGEL



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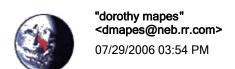
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Subject Concealed Carry

Council persons: John Camp, Robin Eschliman, Annette McRoy, Pollie Newman and Ben Svoboda. Thnak you for voting to withdraw Meyor Seng;s proposal to ban concealed handguns within Lincoln's city limits. Her proposal was truely an invitation to thugs to rob & rape or worse, helpless Lincoln's city residents on Lincoln's streets. Lincoln residents are like people of other States who can and will respect State laws. Lincoln does NOT need to be the example of bunfles of jibberish concerning concealed carry. The State Law that will be enacted Jan, 1, 2007, covers who cannot have a concealed carry license. Nebraskians are just as smart, responsible & willing to accept **their RIGHTS** as any other people of any other right to carry States. Vote down Mayor Seng's proposals again. This proves her desire to bring about her ruling control of the people of Lincoln Thank you. Fred Wegelin 2510 Shaunte Ct

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Subject Fire Dept. Mis-use of Vehicles

Of course the truck sub-par vehicles are of huge negative impact. Ditto the deficit created by the ambulance service.

But there are certainly other things and a long standing complaint of many is the misuse of the trucks. So often they are noted at grocery stores, physical fitness parking lots, restaurants. Not only does this make one question the readiness of the crew----but how about the gas expense????

One incidence included four vehicles arriving at a residence where the citizen was 'no-code'. He was placed in the ambulance and the crew got off and again chatted with others for some more time. Onlookers assumed their neighbor had died. Wrong. If that wasn't enuf----the described incident was around 7 a.m.--one of the fire trucks returned about 2pm to the neighborhood in order for the crew to go to a garage sale!!!

Some have said "the firefighters need to eat, too, and they have long tours of duty". True. But need they use the trucks to shop rather than doing that on their own time like the rest of the world??

The above waste of gas and misuse of their time and our equipment is deplorable. I say "our" as we, the taxpayers, pay.



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Upcoming budget

I very sincerely hope that council members will NOT take advantage of the recent revaluations in order to increase our taxes. (Just because you don't raise the mill levy, it doesn't mean you didn't raise taxes! The public is not THAT stupid. Sorry.)

Thank you for keeping the city budget in line with the increase in inflation.

Pamela Schmidt



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Picture this!

Dear Members of the City Council, Picture this. Hundreds of stray animals roaming our fair city. Wild dogs running in packs. Cats allowed to run loose, uncontrolled. Think of the population explosion in the animal world. Think of the disease which anyone can see would run rampant among these stray animals. Dog bites on the rise. Just think of the complaints that will be lodged. And where in the world will we have to go? Why to the people responsible for causing chaos. Those who took shortsighted action and allowed a dangerouse situation arise. Those who denied the money to properly take care of the animals in our community. Please think before deciding. Will you accept the responsibility if a child - your child, your grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor, cousin - is wounded by a stray animal?

Carol K. Springer-Witfoth



To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
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Subject Copy to all council members Re: Budget cuts

As you go into your budget cut debate, I am asking you to find another way to cut the budget without jeopardizing Animal Control. By cutting in this area, it sends a message that the welfare of animals is not a priority in this city. After learning of some city employees salaries and perks, I say that this would be an excellant area to take a close look at. To continue giving raises and bonuses on a regular basis with the economy as it is, is like working with blinders on and looking past how much they recieve at our expense. Have you thought of freezing salaries? Most of us don't get anywhere near the raises and bonuses the city employees do. Sandra Lab

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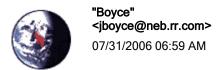
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Subject Nebraska 2nd Amendment Rights

Your Honors, Please preserve your law abiding citizens' second amendment rights. Thank-you David Holler St Petersburg, Florida



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Budget cuts

Please work diligently to limit the city budget increase equal only to inflation instead of being tempted to take advantage of the large increase in valuations. Find the cuts necessary to do so or else you'll just add more ammunition for your challengers next spring to turn over as many as 5 council seats.



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To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject property tax increase

It is outrageous what my assessed value for my property went up to this year, and yes I did protest it. If you need to find ways to save more money, stop using 5 trucks with 2 state emloyees in each to paint stripes down the hiways. It's stupid things like that that anger most taxpayers. Stop giving money to "special interest groups", members of those groups can raise money themselves like most "regular" organizations do. I have belonged to some groups like the Girl Scouts and Lincoln area Families of multiples, and when we needed money, we did it the old fashioned way, we earned it ourselves through various means of fundraisers, not standing and demanding that we get free handouts. It was hard earned money that was raised by volunteering time and energy. Stop the frivolus spending, thats a huge way to save money. There are far more "middle" and "lower" class incomes in Lancaster county than "upper" class incomes, and loosing touch with the former two, is far more damaging in the long run than catering to or being in the mindset of the later.



To City Council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
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Subject Please Do NOT Cut Urban Development Positions

Dear Council Members,

Reduced crime and increased business opportunities are something I know you support here in Lincoln. I am writing to urge you to refrain from eliminating two positions from the Urban Development Department - positions which I believe have a positive impact on businesses, help increase home-ownership, and, consequently help reduce crime.

Urban Development's programs play a critical role in helping to revitalize and sustain our city. I can think of few programs that has such a positive, broad impact. Please do not cut the Economic Development and Community Development Program Specialist positions from Urban Development. These programs are vital to the effort to make all of Lincoln a positive place for businesses and residents alike.

Sincerely,

Cathy Beecham 2540 C Street Lincoln, NE 68502 402-438-0615

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Subject Human Rights Commission Cuts

After being sworn in and attending my first Human Rights Commission meeting on June 27th, I have more information I'd like share with you regarding the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR).

LCHR investigates complaints of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations and does community outreach to help educate the citizens of Lincolnabout discrimination.

From 1997 to 2005 LCHR investigated an average of 97 complaints per year. In April through June of 2006, LCHR had 26 complaints filed (17 employment complaints, 8 housing complaints and 1 on public accommodation) and they held 16 outreach sessions with a total of 935 citizens in attendance at those sessions.

In 2005, LCHR held 71 outreach sessions which reached more than 3,200 people. This included a Fair Housing Conference, The Great Plains Symposium on Employment Issues and weekly sessions with Lincoln Housing Authority's Section 8 clients. LCHR also works closely with Lincoln Public Schools in their Career Education classes as well.

Once a complaint is filed with LCHR, the investigation is started and usually complete within 6 months. LCHR investigates every complaint to determine its validity in a timely manner. Some cases are resolved prior to the Commission hearing the case, some cases are found to have no merit based on the law, and some cases advance to public hearings. Any Lincolncitizen who suspects even the slightest hint of discrimination deserves to have their concerns investigated without delay. On the other hand, when a complaint is filed with The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC), it sometimes takes up to a year after the complaint is filed to even begin the investigation.

LCHR jurisdiction is more expansive than that of the NEOC. LCHR jurisdiction covers employers with as few as 4 employees, Public Accommodation complainants have up to 1 year to file a complaint and when it comes to age discrimination there is no age restriction as to who

can file a complaint. Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code also

treats marital status as a protected class. By comparison, NEOC's jurisdiction begins with employers with a minimum of 15 employees, they have a small window of just 10 days in which to file Public Accommodation complaints, people over the age of 70 can't file an age discrimination complaint, and the NEOC does not consider marital status as a protected class.

Behind the scenes, LCHR staff is consistently reviewing and updating procedures in the LCHR Office manual, the Investigators Manual and they continuously evaluate and seek to improve quality service to the public by developing standard operating procedures.

Staff continues to work on revising Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code which includes the development of a Contract Compliance Program. The goal of that program is to increase women and minority business participation in city contracting. LCHR will work with the City Council, the Mayor's Office, other city agencies, businesses, and community and civic leaders to form a workable program and process.

The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights is an important department to a community with the diverse population that Lincolnhas. Having this commission tells the world that Lincolncares about the human rights of its citizens when it comes to housing, employment and public accommodations. This department is run with a minimum number of employees and with the amount of contact the staff has with the public it cannot afford a cut in personnel.

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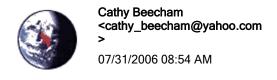
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Subject Need your help

Greetings everyone. I am writing to ask you for a favor. As you may know, the City Council is currently deciding whether or not to cut two positions from the Urban Development Department: Economic Development Specialist, and Community Development Specialist. Urban Development plays a critical role for many older neighborhoods in town. They have been key in assisting many neighborhoods and small businesses with getting grants to help revitalize areas.

Currently, the Near South Neighborhood Association is working closely with Urban Development to begin a revitalization campaign along the 15th Street Corridor leading from A street to the Capitol. They also provided us with terrific help when we undertook the 17th Street revitalization just south of A Street (home to several antique shops and other businesses including Grateful Bread).

The elimination of two positions would be extremely detrimental to Urban Development and it's programs. They only have a small staff as it is and losing two members would severely impact their ability to help improve our city.

I am asking you to send an e-mail to the City Council asking them NOT to cut these two positions from Urban Development. I have included a copy of the letter I sent to the Council below. Feel free to cut and paste it into a new message adding your name to the bottom. Or you may compose your own note. Hopefully if they hear from enough people, they'll preserve these positions, and help preserve our City's neighborhoods!

Thanks! Cathy B.

Send to: "City Council" < council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

Dear Council Members.

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Subject Urban Development Dept

Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of the Near South neighborhood. I consciously choose to live in this diverse and vital neighborhood--one which I feel has benefited greatly from the revitalization efforts of the Urban Development Dept. One example is the stretch of 17th street between Sumner and Washington Streets.

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Sincerely,

Jeanine Jewell 1235 So. 22nd Street #12 Lincoln NE 68502 402-570-0201



To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us cc bcc

Subject Fw: Neighborhood Impact Issue

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Sincerely,

David W.Scheffler 1801 Pepper Avenue

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Subject Fwd: Neighborhood Impact Issue

While living in Lincoln by choice, I spend most of my work life travelling throughout the country. I continue to be amazed at how positive the sense of place and growth is in Lincoln.

I have attached the request I just received from the Near South NA. From my years working with historic preservation and this neighbourhood, I know she is right. The department is a core to a successful city to preserve what we have and ensure developments contribute to the ambiance we all enjoy and support

Thank you Yvonne Norton Leung

----Original Message----

From: cathy_beecham@yahoo.com To: cathy_beecham@yahoo.com Sent: Mon, 31 Jul 2006 9:00 AM Subject: Neighborhood Impact Issue

Dear Near South Neighbor,

I am writing to ask you for a favor. As you may know, the City Council is currently deciding whether or not to cut two positions from the Urban Development Department: Economic Development Specialist, and Community Development Specialist. Urban Development plays a critical role for many older neighborhoods in town. They have been key in assisting many neighborhoods and small businesses with getting grants to help revitalize areas.

I am asking you to send an e-mail to the City Council asking them NOT to cut these two positions from Urban Development. I have included a copy of the letter I sent to the Council below. Feel free to cut and paste it into a new message adding your name to the bottom. Or you may compose your own note. Hopefully if they hear from enough people, they'll preserve these positions, and help preserve our City's neighborhoods!

Currently, the Near South Neighborhood Association is working closely with Urban Development to begin a revitalization campaign along the 15th Street Corridor leading from A street to the Capitol. They also provided us with terrific help when we undertook the 17th Street revitalization just south of A Street (home to several antique shops and other businesses including Grateful Bread).

The elimination of two positions would be extremely detrimental to Urban Development and its programs. They only have a small staff as it is and losing two members would severely impact

their ability to help improve our city.

Thanks for your help!

Cathy Beecham 2540 C Street

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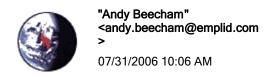
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Sincerely,

Ruben Spretz

1401 S 15th St. Lincoln, NE - 68502

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Andy Beecham

Near South



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Sincerely,

Blake and Laura Edwards 1862 Harwood Street Lincoln Nebraska



"melissa@landisarts.com" <melissa@landisarts.com>

07/31/2006 10:16 AM

Please respond to melissa@landisarts.com

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Sincerely, Melissa Landis 1735 South 16th Street Lincoln, NE 68502

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To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us, cathy_beecham@yahoo.com

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Subject Urban Development

Greetings!

The heart of Lincoln needs the Urban Development Department to be fully operative with a complete staff. Please do not eliminate two positions!

In cities like Lincoln the **hearts** are pumping stronger as people realize that donut cities of just "moving out" to the suburbs will not turn out to be a valid building plan. We especially need a strong central city when we are the seat of government for our state, the site of our state university & the base for many critical companies and industries! Look future than the cost of these two positions to the impact that could be garnered! Please consider all the consequences of your action on these positions & research reactions from the **heart** of Lincoln citizens as well.

Thank you for your service, Mary Ann & Phil Bede



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Subject Budget Cuts

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department - positions which I believe have a positive impact on businesses, help increase home-ownership, and, consequently, has positive impacts to many sectors of our community. Increased business opportunities and reduced crime are something I know you say you support. Preserving the two positions slated for elimination will show this commitment to the entire community.

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Sincerely,

Keith Dubas AIA 1712 E Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68508



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Sincerely,

[IMAGE]

Michael B. Edwards

[IMAGE]

Michael B. Edwards
President & CEO
HealthWare Corporation
201 N. 8th, Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508
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Phyllis & Bud <woodlawn@woodlawnresort.com>

To "City Council" <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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07/31/2006 10:27 AM

Please respond to woodlawn@woodlawnresort.co m

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Sincerely,

Robert and Phyllis Narveson 1729 C St.



"Michelle Weiand" <michelle@gagnerrestoration.com> 07/31/2006 11:17 AM To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Eliminating Positions

[IMAGE]

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Sincerely,

Michelle Weiand

[IMAGE]

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judithgibson@inebraska.com

07/31/2006 11:44 AM

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Budget consideration

I am writing to express concern about the identification of Lincoln's libraries as an area in which to make budget cuts. I am a regular user of the libraries, reading 2-3 works of fiction a week, all of which I borrow from the libraries. (I buy only professional books.) I reared my daughter in Lincoln and taught her to use and respect literature and reference works and am grateful for the resources in Lincoln at that time. She has used the public libraries avidly in every city in which she's lived since. (She now works in a library system. elsewhere) Obviously I am personally affected by every cut made to the library system.

Further, it seems shortsighted to me to cut cultural basics for the city, if we are interested in attracting persons and businesses to the area. Certainly if I or friends of mine were looking to resettle, we would be very interested in the local library system, for ourselves and our families.

I hope you will find ways to support, maintain, and expand our really good library system!

Thanks.

Judy Gibson 1045 North 41st St. Lincoln 68503



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Warm Regards, Starlene Hubbard [IMAGE]

07/31/06

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Sincerely,

Shawn Ryba, Lincoln Free To Grow, Community Organizer



"Paul Rowe" <paulr@allmakes.com>

07/31/2006 01:39 PM

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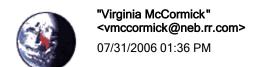
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Subject BUDGET

It is time to cut, cut, cut spending. Do spend just because our Property Values have been increased unreasonable.

Paul Rowe



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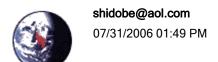
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Virginia McCormick

LincolnResident



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Sue Wilson 1447 Garfield

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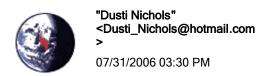
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Dear Council Members,

I teach in the Everett neighborhood and live in the Near South neighborhood. The Urban Development Department has helped our community reduce crime and increase business opportunities. It is one of the main reasons I live and work in this area. I believe the Urban Development Department has a positive impact and the two positions should NOT be eliminated.

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Sincerely, Mona McKenzie



To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject concealed weapons ban

Council Members

Sir

I am writing to voice my opinion on the concealed handguns ban within the city limits. I oppose the ban because of several reasons, 1) By overriding the state legislation that allows concealed carry in Nebraska, the city would be wasting the time and money of 1/3 of the states voting populous, 2) Most voters who are against the concealed carry law fear that criminals would have an open ticket to carry weapons, but most all criminals that would carry a concealed weapon do so already not caring about the laws in the first place. 3) So far I disapprove of most of Mayor Seng's time in office. With the lack of compassion and care about funding for schools, the careless nature of taxes, especially property tax, and the overwhelming disrespect she has shown by laughing about gas and property tax increases on the radio, I have a very hard time respecting the Mayor enough to find a valid point in her weapons ban, 4) If the city and state allow concealed weapons there is a fair amount of money, without gauging people, that can be with permit costs and required classes for those of us who qualify to carry. The money made should pay for the program itself. While there are many other reasons to turn down this ban I will stick to the most important. Please turn down the concealed carry ban within the city limits.

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Thanks Jeffrey P. Baker Lincoln, Ne 68502



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Subject Urban Development Cut

Dear Lincoln City Council Members;

As a board member of the NSNA I have become aware of how much the Urban Development specialists do to encourage and revitalize neighborhoods and small businesses in the city.

I urge you to NOT cut funds and positions from the important commission and continue to have sufficient counsel for our neighborhoods and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration, Sarah Bauman



To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us> cc bcc

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Sincerely,

Janée Gagner-Wilcox

2026 Ryons St.

Lincoln, NE68502



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Carol Greenwald 6701 SW 34th Street Lincoln, NE 68523



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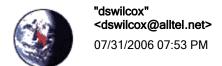
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> Sincerely,

Olivia Thoene 1205 Washington St



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Subject FW: RE: Near South Neighborhood Impact Issue

----Original Message----

From: dswilcox [mailto:dswilcox@alltel.net] Sent: Monday, July 31, 20067:51 PM

To: 'council@ci.lin.ne.us'

Subject: RE: Near South Neighborhood Impact Issue

Dear City Council:

Firstly, let me thank you for all that you do for the city of Lincoln. It is a difficult job and it is hard to please everyone. I know each of you gives all you can to help make Lincolna better place to live. I do have an issue that I would like you to consider. Although I do not live in the neighborhood I feel strongly that the near south neighborhood has made significant progress due to some resources provided by the Urban Development Department. I'm sure like me you want to keep Lincolna safe place and at the same time provide more business opportunities. The Urban Development Department, working closely with the Near South Neighborhood has been successful in upgrading this part of the community. It is a good model for what can be done in older neighborhoods across Lincoln. I understand that tax revenues are getting tight but in your efforts to work with the city budget I hope you will consider strongly not reducing positions in the Urban Development Department. I feel this action can only cause the development to regress and that does nothing to make Lincolna better place to live and work. By leaving those positions in tact, those dedicated employees will be able to continue to create more business opportunities and keep older neighborhoods close to the downtown area more crime free. Certainly I favor that even if my taxes must be increased to keep this area vibrant and open to new opportunities. Thanks again for all that you do for Lincoln.

Sincerely,

R. David Wilcox

Senior Vice President and Senior Trust Officer

Union Bank & Trust Company



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Judy A. Miller-Weiand

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Sincerely,

Evy Olson



"Bob Semerena" <rsemerena@neb.rr.com>

07/31/2006 09:33 PM

Please respond to "Bob Semerena" <rsemerena@neb.rr.com> To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc <campjon@aol.com>

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Subject CC

The regulation making process is a transparent process defined in statute. We urge you to refrain from passing any local ordinances affecting CC until after hearings are held and regulations have been adopted.

You and the city administration, collectively or individually, will have ample opportunity for input into the draft and final form of the regulations.

We believe that using the regulation making process is the more responsible and fair way to address issues important to your constituents.

There is also a benefit to you by waiting for the regulation making process. You will have additional time to dialog with other localities, in and out of state, to gain a sense of what is likely to work and what doesn't work in regulating CC.

The better time to consider local ordinances will be after the regulation process has been completed.

Bob and Sue Semerena (no response is requested)



To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Dwayne Wilson Address: 670 HWY 77

City: Ceresco, NE 69017

Phone: 402-665-2236

Fax: Email:

Comment or Question: City Council Members:

I do not know the current status of discussion on Bicycle Lanes in Lincoln.

I wondered if you might consider a grid of adjacent one way streets through residential areas, with one lane designated as Automobile and one lane as bicycle and parking allowed only on the side of the bicycle lanes.

This would afford a low cost means of developing bicycle lanes, with the biggest draw back being home owner opinion.

Food for thought.

Dwayne Wilson



"Susan A. Larson" <susan.larson@bryanlgh.org>

08/01/2006 09:03 AM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

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Subject Urban development

Dear Council members:

I understand you are possibly eliminating two positions from the Urban Development Department. Since I live in the Near South Neighborhood, I am quite concerned about this. The "inner" city areas have had so little money and attention allotted to us in recent years, this would be another heavy blow. It should be of grave concern to all of Lincoln and has an impact on us all when these older areas are allowed to deteriorate. Studies of other cities show this without question. As you know crime in these areas is going up - graffiti is prevalent

I urge you to beef this department up rather than make it even smaller than it is in the interest of all of us.

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Thank you for your time.

Susan Larson 477-1485

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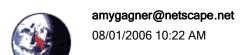
Subject Keep Urban Development specialist positions!

Dear Council Members,

Please do NOT cut the Economic Development and Community Development Program Specialist positions from Urban Development.

I estimate that my property taxes will increase over \$800 next year. You can put that \$800 toward funding these two positions, that actually benefit me and my neighbors.

Christy Aggens



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Sincerely, &nb! sp;Amy Gagner



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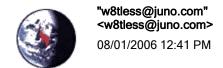
Subject Concealed Weapons

I hope you will do your part in the control of violence in our City of Lincoln. Your action in the area of concealed weapons needs additional attention. Public safety is part of your responsibility!

Good work on the downtown bicycle lanes!

Wilbur Dasenbrock 1449 Meadow Dale Drive Lincoln, NE., 68505

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Sincerely,

Bonnie A. Schwartz



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Lincoln Commission on Human Rights

Dear Members of the City Council,

As Chairperson of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights it has come to my attention that you are considering either eliminating LCHR completely or at least decreasing the staff available to what I feel is a vital work being done in this community. Possibly we, the commission, haven't done a very good job of explaining to you, the council members, everything that work entails. There might be some confusion as to why the NEOC can't do this work instead and save the city some money. The fact is that LCHR handles not only employment cases but also housing cases as well as public accommodations cases. Although the NEOC handles employment cases they only cover employers of 15 or more employees. Under Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, LCHR is able to cover employers with as few as 4 employees. If LCHR was eliminated where would these people go? The NEOC will not protect workers over the age of 70. Where will they be able to turn?

Furthermore the NEOC is currently so back logged with cases that investigations don't even begin for about a year after the complaint has been made, whereas LCHR is able to see the entire process through in an average of 6 months.

Are you aware of LCHR's extensive outreach programs? In 2005 alone 71 outreach session were held, reaching over 3,200 people. These sessions include outreach to public high schools, a Fair Housing Conference and The Great Plains Symposium. The NEOC will not be providing these educational opportunities. LCHR further works in collaboration with the Woman's Commission to compile and keep updated a directory of women and minority owned businesses that is available online.

I feel these are all important works that Lincoln should value and be proud of. I feel that as a capitol city these are the kinds of things that we should want to do in order to be an example to the rest of our fine state. At a time when our city is experiencing a lot of growth, including many minority people, I feel it would be a shame to cut back on these services at all, let alone be talking of eliminating them completely.

At LCHR our motto is "Let's Pull Together Before We're Torn Apart." I know I speak for the entire commission when I say we'd like to continue doing this vital work. Thank you for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,

David

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LCHR

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Subject LCHR

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I recently heard a discussion about reducing funding for the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. The argument was that any cases filed by Lincoln citizens might be deferred to the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission. As the Director of NEOC, I thought it might be prudent to provide you with my thoughts.

LCHR serves the public, and is of enormous value to the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska for many reasons. First, LCHR is a partner of NEOC and supports NEOC activity. It provides a timely handling of charges, which is significantly shorter than what we are able to provide at the state level. Also, a local city office often imparts a sense of equity and justice to residents of Lincoln, that a state agency cannot provide. As an agent of Lincoln city government, it does an outstanding job of providing training to the public throughout the state through its annual housing discrimination conference.

Enforcement of civil rights is work that should not be impeded from lack of sufficient funding. While it may appear charges could be deferred, the NEOC cannot substitute for what LCHR accomplishes for the City of Lincoln. The NEOC is facing its own budget restrictions; therefore, it is a significant concern to the agency as to the impact these deferrals would have, both internally and to the citizens of the State, on our already strained resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Hobbs

Director, Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission 402-471-4060 (phone) 402-471-2708 (fax) anne.hobbs@neoc.ne.gov

"To understand a man, you must know his memories. The same is true of a nation." \sim Anthony Ouale

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Subject 2006-07 Budget

To All City Council Members,

I, too, am disappointed that the city continues to have increased budgets every year. The majority of us live within a budget and when the council decides to raise our taxes or approve an increase in utilites (whether it be LES, waster water, Aquila, etc.), we must tighten our belt unwillingly. I did look at the proposed budget in the newspaper and I know that it can be trimmed. Perhaps city employees will have to live without a pay increase this coming year; maybe more energy conservation needs to be implemented in city offices to reduce utility bills; or maybe the mayor's office needs to eliminate some unnecessary budget items. Could we live without the Women's Commission, Citizen Information Center and Lifetime Health Program? I think the answer to that question is "Yes".

I think the Council needs to become more money conscious. I urge all of you to treat this budget process like your own finances and to show some responsibility when it comes to fiscal management. If we must go without new libraries, parks, or administrative staff for awhile, so be it.

Jodi Delozier



To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

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General Council

Name: Travis Wingate Address: 4841 S. 52nd City: Lincoln, NE 68516

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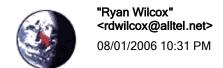
Email: travis@easygreenturf.com

Comment or Ouestion:

I would like to introduce the concept of installing some synthetic turf in the troblesome medians of Lincoln, I started my business with this in mind. With the budget situation, and water restrictions looming again, now is the time to really start looking at this option seriously. This is already a standard in other communities where labor and resources are becoming a factor, Lincoln can be ahead of the curve on this. I have meet with public works, but they are too busy to look at this, due to the budget. I beleive that this is the perfect time to look at synthetic grass, because the urgency is there and we can still get a couple of test-pilots in for the last half of the summer and all of fall, for the crowds of football fans to see. I am convinced that this is the way to go. After you witness all of the advantages that synthetic grass has to offer, I think the council and residents of Lincoln will agree.

Thank you,

Travis Wingate
Easy Green Turf
www.easygreenturf.com



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Sincerely,

Ryan Wilcox

2026 Ryons St.

July 28, 2006

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Lincoln City Council

Greetings to all:

Learning recently of the possible release of Mr. Hoskins, our city engineer, I was greatly disappointed. Mr. Hoskins and his staff have taken a lead in the Traffic Engineering Field that has brought our great city to the forefront of the nation. My work as a Trainer in the Truck, Car and Motorcycle Transportation Field offers me the opportunity to work with drivers of a variety of all ages and physical challenges. I see it as a privilege to train America's future drivers on our streets. I have written to express my hope that we keep Mr. Hoskins at the helm of our traffic team; his skills are needed now more than ever!

Sincerely yours,

Roger Carmichael

Professional Driver Trainer

Credentials:

Nebraska Certified Driver Ed Instructor

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National Certified Lead Trainer Nebraska CDL, DMV, and 3rd Party examiner

National Certified Motorcycle Safety Instructor

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Lincoln City Employees Association Room 340 Trabert Hall 1122 South St. Lincoln, NE 68502 402-304-6177

July 28, 2006

City Council Members 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear City Council Members:

The Lincoln City Employees Association represents more than 600 hard working and dedicated civilian employees of the City. When these people were hired they were promised specific wages and benefits based on comparability with "public" employees, in comparable cities, as prescribed by State law.

Our membership is very disturbed with Council Member Eshchliman's comment that she would rather change the terms and conditions of employment for current employees, reducing their wages and benefits, instead of making difficult decisions to reduce services and eliminate City jobs. It has been very disturbing for our members to observe your discussions regarding changes to our established benefit package. Your discussions have made it appear that some of you view civilian City employees as a liability to the City rather than an asset. This has proven to be very demoralizing to our membership. We take it personally when our elected representatives say publicly that they do not think our members deserve their established wages and benefits. In fact, many members are commenting that your discussions to reduce the budget, while achieving your political goals, are the most bizarre and uncomplimentary of City employees that they have seen during their employment.

Some of you refer to the private sector as the model for wages and benefits. These are not private sector employees. Public sector employees work under different conditions and laws. In the private sector employees exist to make a profit for the company. City employees exist to provide quality services to the citizenry and to protect the integrity of the City. This fundamental difference makes it impractical to attempt to make comparisons of wages, benefits and working conditions in general.

It is truly ironic that in August 2004 a majority of the present City Council voted to double their salaries to \$24,000. As Councilman Camp noted, nowhere in the private sector will you see people double their salary. At the time, members of this Council justified this, approximately \$100,000, increase in the budget for their salary increase based on comparability with other jurisdictions. This Council now seems to be implying that comparability is no longer an acceptable means of determining wages & benefits as all of the union contracts are based on comparability. The Council members utilized essentially the same cities to justify their salary increase as are utilized by the unions during contract negotiations.

The City Personnel Director (an experienced labor lawyer himself) has advised the Council members that they cannot legally make changes to the benefits package in the manner that they are contemplating. Now we discover that the Council has hired two additional attorneys to study this issue. This expenditure seems totally unnecessary, given the advice already provided to the Council. Should the Council choose to implement a reduction in our retirement plan, or make any other changes in the terms and conditions of employment, our attorneys stand ready to challenge that decision; we are confident that we will be successful in this challenge. We urge you to consider the impact that an error in judgment in this matter will have on the City.

This entire budget process appears to be an exercise in short term, reactionary, posturing with little thought given to long term consequences. Budget cuts are a topic that requires long term planning, for the good of the entire community. Ill-considered budget cuts could do great damage to the quality of life for all Lincoln citizens. We have a city of which we are justifiably proud. In working through this budget process we urge you to consider the long-term impact of your decisions on our community. Our members represent a broad cross-section of the city; they are active in this community. They pay sales and property taxes. They vote and they will hold elected representatives accountable for their actions. Please reconsider before taking any actions, potentially harmful to our City, to cut the wages and benefits to which our members are legally entitled.

Respectfully, Board of Directors Lincoln City Employees Association

Cc: Mayor Coleen Seng

LCEA Represented Employees Don Taute, Personnel Director



"Jeanne Kern"
<Jeanne@RichKern.com>

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Please respond to <Jeanne@RichKern.com>

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject sewer

Dear Council members,

Please consider carefully the Southwest Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase and, I would hope, remove it from the 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program budget.

From what I have heard, a cost benefit analysis would probably show better ways to use the limited funds available for best future result.

Creek flows are much higher at the Theresa and Northeast facilities thereby diluting the sewage discharge. Sewage discharge would not have to flow through the downtown, State Fair, and the Salt Creek Neighborhood where people fish in the creek and children play in the creek, but rather would flow northeast of town. Likewise, any odor problems in the spring (referred to by a Black and Veatch consultant at an open house) would go to the northeast of town.

Seems to me a precipitous leap would be a mistake.

Thank you.

Jeanne Kern

2600 Cheshire North Court

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To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Sincerely,

M.J. Callahan 1201 South 15th Street Lincoln, NE 68502

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August 1, 2006

Councilwoman Patte Newman City Council Office County-City Building 555 South 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Concealed Weapons

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Dear Councilwoman Newman:

I, as many in the community, was stunned with the City Council's abrupt action to remove from consideration a proposal to provide for a ban on concealed weapons in our city. This action denied the public the opportunity to present information and opinions for consideration on the core issue: should Lincoln continue to ban concealed weapons?

I support a total ban on concealed weapons in our community and suggest it be given consideration for the following reasons:

Our own Chief of Police Tom Casady strongly recommends this prohibition. His position on concealed weapons is in agreement with almost every major law enforcement organization, including the Police Officers Association of Nebraska, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Advocates for removing bans long have claimed that crime rates are reduced when people are allowed to carry concealed weapons. They have relied heavily on the research of Dr. John Lott, formerly of the University of Chicago. However, flaws in Dr. Lott's research have been widely documented in scientific literature and findings; thus, dismissed by a growing list of prominent researchers. This includes criminologists at the University of Maryland who found that gun-related homicides increased in four out of five urban areas after concealed gun laws were relaxed. (*Albion Monitor*, Concealed Weapons Laws Increase Homicides, Sept. 18, 1995)

Additional data is available which indicate that bans on concealed weapons help reduce crime. For example, between 1992 and 1998 (the last six years for which data exists), the violent crime rate in the strict and no-issue states fell 30% while the violent crime rate for states that liberalized carry laws prior to 1992 dropped half as much — by 15%. The national crime rate fell 25%. During this same period, the robbery rate in strict and no-issue states fell 44% while the robbery rate for the 11 states with liberal laws dropped 24%; far less than the national 37% decrease. (www.bradycampaign.org)

I cannot claim the aforementioned statistics are definitive, and they are relatively dated. Unfortunately, the ability to collect timely data has been stymied by the failure of states to require the compilation of criminal statistics when passing permissive laws. But, we do have a 'window of evidence' from the state of Texas.

When passing permissive legislation in 1996, Texas lawmakers provided for the collection of data up until 2001 when they removed the requirement. During that five-year period Texas reported that concealed handgun permit holders were arrested 5,314 times for crimes including murder, rape, kidnapping and drug-related offenses. During that same period, Texas permit holders were arrested for weapon-related offenses at a rate 81 percent higher than that of the general population. (Lincoln Journal Star, "Concealed weapons law would keep community safe," by Sen. DiAnna Schimek, July 17, 2006)

Some believe they will be safe or safer carrying a concealed weapon. I maintain this to be a false sense of security and that such a fear of crime is over inflated. Lincolnites are not indiscriminately being attacked, assaulted or robbed in our streets, and law enforcement unable to provide appropriate protection. There is no rational reason to allow citizens to carry concealed weapons which, if available, are more likely to be impulsively used in moments of rage, invalid or irrational fear, or when mentally compromised due to drug and alcohol use or mental illness.

The preliminary question should be whether or not to allow for concealed weapons, not who should be allowed to secure a permit. Perhaps the latter is considered after hearing from the public. I ask that you reconsider and give the community the opportunity to advice and provide opinion on the best option for Lincoln.

Yours truly,

Beatty Brasch
Executive Director

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cc: Mayor Coleen Seng

Quinn Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal Church
1225 S. 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Memo

to: Members of the Lincoln City Council

from: The Reverend Karla j. Cooper, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights

subject: Support

date: August 2, 2006

cc: Mayor Seng, Larry Williams

It is with great concern that I write this Memo to each of your dedicated servants to the city of Lincoln. As a pastor, I have many parishioners who have or will benefit from this Commission. I would beg that you consider the following items as rationale to give your total support for the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights.

As I am sure you are well aware, the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights spends countless hours investigating complaints of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. From 1997 to 2005 the Commission has investigated an average of 97 complaints per year.

Although reasonable cause findings may seem low there, are complaints which are settled prior to the Commission rendering a decision. The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights' jurisdiction is extensive. We cover employers of 4 or more employees. Additionally, we hear the complaints of those who are over the age of 70.

The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights also has an extensive outreach program. Some 70 outreach sessions were conducted in 2005, reaching more than 3,200 people. This includes our Fair Housing Conference, the Great Plains Symposium on Employment Issues, weekly Lincoln Housing Authority sessions with Section 8 Clients and our unique collaboration with the Lincoln Public Schools in their Career Education classes. The United States Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC) requested information and materials on our program with LPS for their records. Also, the Fair Housing Conference is unique in Nebraska and a model for others.

These are just a few of the many reasons to show how important the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights is to this community.



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Sincerely, John Heineman 1412 E Street 402/416-2326 Sent: 7/23/2006 2:15:56 PM Subject: Lincoln City council

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We all need to contact our representatives and the City Council people and tell them how we feel on this issue. They were elected to represent us and need to vote for our choices and for the protection of our citizens, furry or human. We need to be at the City Council meeting on August 7th. Please help them to understand that more help, experienced help is needed to protect our community and keep every creature safe!

We need the City Council members to vote and get real issues on the table and look out for the real desires and needs of our citizens.

Please pass this e-mail to all you know, and please add your name to the bottom so that each of our voices can ring in unison as we take a stand for those animals who love us unconditionally! or email your own words to council@lincoln.ne.gov We need your help

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Angie Edgren http://www.minicowfarm.com/



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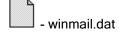
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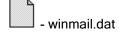
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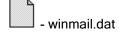
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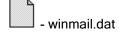
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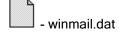
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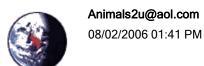
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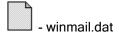
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From: Joyce Porter [mailto:joyce.porter@tagtmi.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:19 AM

To: 'Meridee Bickford' Cc: 'LaDonna VanArsdall'

Subject: RE: Lincoln City Council ~ Animal Control Issues

Well, I am not sure. Maybe we could learn more at the council meeting or after it if a representative attends, they could let us all know what we can do to help.

LaDonna, Do you know what steps we all can take to help out?

From: Meridee Bickford [mailto:meridee.bickford@tagtmi.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:10 AM

To: 'Joyce Porter (RTF)'

Subject: FW: Lincoln City Council ~ Animal Control Issues

Hi Joyce,

Do you know any more about this? Could we raise some money or something like this?

From: Patti Witters [mailto:patti.witters@tagtmi.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 9:03 AM

To: 'Meridee Bickford'

Subject: RE: Lincoln City Council ~ Animal Control Issues

Please add my name, I will plan on attending the meeting as well. Are there any efforts to raise money for this cause? Maybe we could work on something. I would be happy to help

From: Meridee Bickford [mailto:meridee.bickford@tagtmi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 2:40 PM To: 'Erin Swyers (RTF)'; heidi.hansen@tagtmi.com; kirsten.kahla@tagtmi.com; 'Tiffany Nourse'; 'Erin Stokke'; 'Shelly Chilen (RTF)'; 'Josh Precht (RTF)'; 'Mitchel Sallinger'; 'Patty Herrod (RTF)'; 'Amy Stuefer (RTF)'; 'Ana Hoover (RTF)'; 'Andrea Teele (RTF)'; 'Ashlee Lierman (RTF)'; 'Becky Hurt (RTF)'; 'Ben Forney (RTF)'; 'Ben Pettit (RTF)'; 'Beth Gillespie (RTF)'; 'Brenda Knippelmeyer (RTF)'; 'Brenda Mason (RTF)'; 'Brian Srb (RTF)'; 'Carol Springer-Witfoth (RTF)'; 'Dawn Beekman (RTF)'; 'Doug Nannen (RTF)'; 'Gema Boone (RTF)'; 'Heather Critchfield (RTF)'; 'Heather Davis (RTF)'; 'Heather Nail (RTF)'; 'James Hall (RTF)'; 'Janene Morrison'; 'Jay Roeber (RTF)'; 'Jessica Kotouc (RTF)'; 'Kara Reger (RTF)'; 'Katie J. Howard (RTF)'; 'Kim Bryant (RTF)'; 'Lanette Kreifels (RTF)'; 'Linda Baldwin (RTF)'; 'Maria Walker (RTF)'; 'Megan M. Miller (RTF)'; 'Melissa Riveria (RTF)'; 'Mohammad Khalil (RTF)'; 'Pam Robinson (RTF)'; 'Patricia Guevara (RTF)'; 'Patti Witters (RTF)'; 'Rachel Goodwin (RTF)'; 'Rhonda Puckett-Swanson (RTF)'; 'Rod Bredemeier (RTF)'; 'Saundra Stetz (RTF)'; 'Stephanie Janssen (RTF)'; 'Suzette Droud'; 'Tarin Jackson (RTF)'; 'Troy Mohler (RTF)'; 'Cenee Knerr'; 'Sarah Hickman'; 'Mindy Martin'

Subject: FW: Lincoln City Council ~ Animal Control Issues

It's animals so I had to forward this on.

From: Leslie Booth [mailto:leslie.booth@tagtmi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2006 2:30 PM

To: Ashley Waldman; Brandon Petty; Cara Connors; Cheryl Neuhaus; Jami Hardesty; Joyce Hasselbalch; julia.worth@nelnet.net; Katie McGrane; Kelsey McCarville; Kendra Houseman; Melissa Smith (misalyn@gmail.com); Meridee Bickford; Misty Woodward; Naomi Smith; Robert Loos; Shannon Campbell; Stacy Frost; VICKIE SMITH; 'Dana Lyons (RTF)'; 'Michele Stowell (RTF)'; 'Nicole Crouse (RTF)'; 'Megan N. Miller (RTF)'; 'Jason Little (RTF)'; 'Chris Cook (RTF)'; 'Kendra Houseman (RTF)'

Subject: Lincoln City Council ~ Animal Control Issues

I know there are MANY animal advocates throughout our fair city and although I generally am a 'behind the scenes' sort of girl and rarely speak out en mass; I have worked in animal rescue for decades and have very strong feelings about the animal rescue efforts and policies in Lincoln, NE and felt that I must bring these current issues to the attentions of as many people as possible for the sake of our faithful companions.

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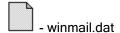
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Subject Funding for the Lincoln Human Rights Commission

To the Honorable Members of the Lincoln City Council:

I am Melvin Jenkins an attorney in private practice in Omaha, NE and an instructor at the National Fair Housing Training Academy sponsored by HUD at Howard University in Washington, DC. As a civil rights attorney, I support full funding for the Lincoln Commission. My involvement with that agency goes back to the days of Jerry Henderson. Full funding of the Commission is more impoetant than ever. With an ever increasing backlog of complaints with the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, it is important that the Lincoln Commission maintain its full staff. Thank you for your consideration.

Melvin Jenkins



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject budget

I think this budget is totally unacceptable and will be the ruin our beautiful Lincoln Parks.

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Lori Jacoby and I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Lincoln, a parent, a teacher, and a pet owner. I am very troubled by the City Council's proposed cut of two Animal Control employees and the elimination of weekend services.

As a pet owner, my concern is obviously for the city's pets. I have a new puppy, which my family recently adopted from the Capital Humane Society. I feel very safe taking my puppy out for walks, due to the city's pet ordinances, which are enforced by Animal Control. I also know if my puppy were to get lost, Animal Control would help me find her. I have personally called Animal Control many times when I've seen a dog running loose. Cutting an officer and dispatcher would eliminate weekend services. If no officers were on duty, I can only imagine the problems! My neighbors down the block would know that there was no Animal Control Officers on duty on the weekends, so what would stop them from allowing their mean dogs to run loose? What if a child were bitten? Won't the 911 dispatchers be over-run with calls forwarded from Animal Control- especially since they are looking at cuts of their own?

As a parent, my concerns center on the safety of children and pets. I want to know that Animal Control is there to protect my daughter from dogs running at large. I want to know that the city's ordinances will be enforced 24/7!

As a teacher, my concern is from an educational standpoint. Animal Control is a fantastic source for teaching pet safety and responsibility. Is their education officer the next to go? That would be a shame. My school also counts on Animal Control for help with stray dogs on school grounds. They are always there to keep our schools safe!

Please seriously reconsider the budget cuts involving Animal Control. Lincoln's pets and their "people" will thank you!

Sincerely, Lori Jacoby

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LOWELL VESTAL 1330 FURNAS AVENUE LINCOLN NE 68521

TO ALL MEMBERS, LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. I urge you to cut the mayor's budget request so that city property tax receipts will be no more than last year, plus inflation. Lincoln's high taxes are forcing people and businesses out of town.
- 2. My house, 15 years old, at 1330 Furnas Avenue, went from a valuation of \$243,700 to \$341.61, an increase of \$97,911 or an increase of 40.176 percent! I cannot afford such an increase, so please adjust the levy DOWNWARD to produce last year's revenue, plus inflation.
- Rural Metro or similar qualified provided. 2) Stop sending a fire truck to every minor accident. 3) Price swimming pool admissions to pay cost of operation; likewise golf courses. Better yet, sell them to a private operator. 4) Quit subsidizing the Women's Commission. Users can pay their way. 5) Reduce number of employees in all departments by five percent (5%); cut some of the fat. 6) I am sure you can find other places to cut.

Sincerely,

Lowell Vestal

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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Ms. Patte Newman Lincoln City Council 555 South 10th Street Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Patte:

I am writing to urge the Lincoln City Council to limit City budget increases to those that are needed to keep up with inflation. I know this will necessitate making about \$3 million in budget cuts, but I think this is very doable.

While I realize a city cannot be run completely like private enterprise, certain principals apply to both. For instance, most for-profit businesses have found ways to limit overtime; they are limiting additions to staff; and benefit programs are constantly under review. The 2:1 match the City of Lincoln provides for employee benefits is extremely generous and is certainly an area that could produce large cost (hence tax) savings, but this is just one of many programs and services that should be re-examined.

I hope that our City Council will carefully review all the options available and come up with substantial budget cuts. In order to grow and develop, Lincoln must earn a reputation as a progressive city that manages to live within its means. Such growth will ultimately lead to a larger tax base which will benefit all of our citizens.

Thank you for the leadership you provide the City of Lincoln. I know it's a huge responsibility and appreciate the time and dedication you give to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Steve Erwin

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President



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Sewage treatment plant

Dear Council members -Please consider the following:

---- remove the Southwest Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase from the 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program budget, (Under Public Utilities Wastewater Proposals)

----authorize a cost benefit analysis to include an itemized estimate of the expansion, operation, and maintenance costs of expanded Northeast (North 70th Street) and/or Theresa Street Facilities over a future long-term, 30-50 year period, versus the cost of building, operating, and maintaining an additional facility. Some cities are finding it cheaper to monitor and operate regional sites, even including the costs of extra piping, than to operate and maintain a greater number of smaller sites.

Given our limited financial resources, there is more likelihood of removing toxic chemicals from sewage discharge (an expensive process) if monetary resources are put into high tech equipment at expanded Northeast and/or Theresa Street Facilities rather than building an additional site.

The cost analysis should include different piping options. To just stockpile land for possible future use would affect piping decisions in a direction that would one day require a third treatment facility.

Creek flows are much higher at the Theresa and Northeast facilities thereby diluting the sewage discharge. Sewage discharge would not have to flow through the downtown, State Fair, and the Salt Creek Neighborhood where people fish in the creek and children play in the creek, but rather would flow northeast of town. Likewise, any odor problems in the spring (referred to by a Black and Veatch consultant at an open house) would go to the northeast of town.

Constituent Kathryn Gabig 4835 Knox St Lincoln NE 68504



REGIONAL
EXECUTIVE
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CIVIL RIGHTS



August 2, 2006

City Council Members 555 South 10th Street, Suite 111 Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Member:

The Regional Executive Council on Civil Rights is a coalition of civil rights agencies throughout the four state region of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. We understand that there is some question regarding the continuation of the local agency in Lincoln, Nebraska. We are writing to remind you of the critical nature of the work that is performed by local human and civil rights agencies, and to encourage you to continue to adequately staff and fund this agency.

The work of many people over many years culminated in the passage of civil rights legislation in the 1960s. In those bold acts the statesmen and women of that era recognized that the concept of equality is a vital part of the American heritage and that the harmful consequences of society's failure to assure all its citizens this equality of opportunity are many. As noted by the author of the lowa legislation,

"For the minority group member who is discriminated against, it means an arbitrary and unjust refusal to allow him to fully develop his potentialities and share in the fruits of society.... The community as a whole...loses the contributions that might have been made by minority groups excluded from the main channels of its activities, and also the full potential of a market which would otherwise be in a better position to purchase available goods and services. ... And the Governor himself recently noted that "discrimination retards the growth of Iowa's economy. It leads to a dismal and distressing squandering of human resources. It does not allow many Iowans to fulfill their economic potential, thus making all Iowa the poorer for it."

Bonfield, State Civil Rights Statutes: Some Proposals, 49 Iowa Law Rev. 1067, 1079 (1964).

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There was opposition, but in the end the lowa legislature unequivocally stated that not only would the State prohibit discrimination and provide a mechanism for enforcing its anti-discrimination laws, but that the issue of civil rights enforcement was so significant and important to the State that every level of government should join the cause. Other states and local governments followed suit, with a network of state and local agencies ultimately developed to assist with enforcement.

Each state's need for each of its residents to be able to develop their full potential remains the same today as in 1965. Midwestern states with limited populations need to benefit from the contributions from members of minority groups who might otherwise be excluded from the main channels of commerce, and globalization has caused that need to be more pronounced today than it was in 1965. Each city's need to revive its economic base is, if anything, greater today than in 1965 and civil rights agencies are part of that effort. Each city's need to set the stage for its next generation and to ensure that the City will have a vibrant, diverse workforce in the decades to come requires that it maintain strong enforcement of its civil rights laws.

The idea that local commissions are no longer necessary is flawed for the following reasons:

- 1. Increasingly, the number one priority of communities is economic development, and enforcement of the civil rights of all its residents is a critical component of the vision for a vibrant city. To attract business and industry and to retain and attract young people, we need to welcome a diverse population while recognizing the value of each individual. Local civil rights commissions are a valuable part of the infrastructure to help achieve this goal. To diminish their presence and role is to move in the wrong direction.
- 2. The perception that the Midwestern states are not welcoming of a diverse population, or would not ensure equal opportunity for everyone who wished to come here, has already adversely affected attempts to attract business expansion in some of our states and cities.
- 3. Civil rights commissions were established to ease the burden on the state judicial system. Reductions in commissions will mean that the already over-burdened judicial system will need to absorb the processing of additional civil rights cases.

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- 4. Many local commissions bring in significant amounts in federal funding through HUD's fair housing program.
- 5. Local commissions ensure that entitlement cities can certify that they are affirmatively furthering fair housing, which is a prerequisite for receipt of CDBG funds.
- 6. Reductions in local commissions impact an overburdened state commission by funneling complaints that would otherwise be investigated locally to the state for processing. The loss of the assistance of local commissions with investigations would be catastrophic for civil rights enforcement at a state level.
- 7. Elimination of local agencies can have a chilling effect on many individuals causing them to decline to exercise their right to file discrimination complaints because they are then forced to work with a larger, overburdened state agency.
- 8. The services provided by local commissions to their local communities do not duplicate the State Commission's services.

For the above reasons, the Regional Executive Council on Civil Rights opposes any effort to eliminate local civil rights commissions. The elimination of local civil rights commissions has an adverse impact on the civil rights of all citizens within a state, the economic development of our cities, and ultimately the continued development and competitiveness of our state.

Sincerely,

Regional Executive Council on Civil Rights Executive Committee Louise W. Lorenz, President

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LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM

For more information contact: 402,473,3284 • For after hours information contact: Pager, 790,9026 • Russ Reno, 420,1270 Carolyn Douglas, 423,7623 • Becky Finegan, 423,0434 • Sue Whalen, 423,8382 • Jenny Hasenjaeger, 782,2187

Lincoln Electric System Statement Mayor's News Conference August 3, 2006

Russ Reno Manager, Customer and Corporate Communications

LES isn't experiencing anything in our operation that we didn't expect - at least so far this summer.

With the higher temperatures in July, our customers used a lot of electricity. On July 19th, they set a record peak use of 779 MW. That's just 1 MW higher than what we projected for this summer. It is 22 MW higher than the previous record set in July of last year (757 MW on 7/22/05). On Tuesday of this week, customers hit a peak of 772 MW and 764 MW on Monday. Thanks to the lower temperatures, yesterday's peak reached 588 MW. Today we're projecting a peak of 640 MW.

Even with the lower forecasted temperatures the next couple weeks, we urge customers - as we always do - to conserve energy so they can save money. There are five easy but effective measures customers can take to lower their energy bills:

- Set thermostats at 78° or higher. Each higher degree setting reduces cooling costs 3-5 percent.
- Close drapes and shades on the sunny sides of your home to avoid heat gain.
- Use a fan in occupied rooms and turn your thermostat up 4°.
- · Check furnace filters and replace them if they are dirty.
- If you have a dehumidifier, turn the control just past the halfway point on the plus side.

We also encourage customers to visit LES' Web site at www.les.com for more money-saving tips, or customers can call 473-3270 and request that a flyer be sent to them. Our Web site also has the Home Energy Depot, which offers residential and small business customers the opportunity to conduct their own energy audit on line. From that audit, they will receive a detailed report on what measures to take to save money on their energy bills.

LES has the resources to meet the needs of our customers this summer, and all units have been operating very well. One unit at Sheldon Station is off today through Sunday to repair a boiler tube leak, but that will not place a burden on LES' operations.

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Members, Lincoln City Council Lincoln City Council Office 550 South 10th Lincoln NE 68508 AUG 0 3 2006

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Dear Council Members,

My comment concerns an item in the proposed city budget that would provide funds for the purchase of an option on a particular piece of land in Southwest Lincoln. The option would allow the purchase of land by the city for the eventual construction of a new third sewage treatment plant to serve Southwest Lincoln and Lancaster County.

My request is that a more complete and thorough look at the economics of this decision be made before money is spent on the option. Once money is spent for land there is a natural momentum created in the direction of building a third treatment plant. That momentum will be difficult to change even if the facts warrant a change. My main concern is that, even with the best intentions and most thoughtful planning, a third sewage treatment plant next to Wilderness Park will degrade the park area and will degrade and erode Salt Creek. It should be absolutely clear that a third plant is the only reasonable option before we start down that road.

It seems reasonable to think that one large sewage treatment plant for the city (or two large plants) would be more economical over the long term than having three (or more) smaller ones. The cost of hiring, training, and paying the pensions of three sets of operating personnel should be considered. The cost of having to duplicate the technical facilities, the anaerobic digesters, aerators etc. for a third plant would be high. And, in the future, it is quite possible that newly developed technologies will need to be installed to remove contaminants that are now not removable. Three new sets of technological improvements or buildings will be more expensive than one or two.

It has been said that making use of Lincoln's one or two existing plants in the future would require very large sewer trunk lines that are disruptive to neighborhoods and expensive to build. This is especially true if they must pass through the downtown or university campus area. However, it seems to me that a natural route for a major sewer trunk line that could serve southwestern Lincoln and Lancaster County could be found adjacent to Salt Creek and could connect with Theresa Street and the Northeast Plant. There are almost no large buildings on this route, no residential areas and a great deal of undeveloped land on both sides of the creek. On the north side of O Street, the east side of Salt Creek seems to me to be about 75 to 80% undeveloped. An adequate economic study should look at this potential route before determining whether the multiple plant or single plant idea is the most costly.

Because of the huge costs of providing adequate sewage treatment for a growing city, we should have a thorough economic study done by experienced people as soon as possible and done before we make expensive commitments.

Sincerely,

Tim R. Knott

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DIRECTORS' AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006

I. MAYOR -

- 1. NEWS ADVISORY RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of August 5 11, 2006-Schedule subject to change.
- 2. NEWS RELEASE RE: Pavement Markings To Be Installed During Evening Overnight Hours.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE NONE
- B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. Letter from Lancaster County Board of Commissioners - RE: Proposed elimination of funding for economic development positions.

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: August 7th, Community Forum on Pandemic Flu.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Response Letter from Dennis Bartels to Aitken Hazen Hoffman & Miller, Architects & Engineers, Attn: William Hoffman - RE: Hunter's Pointe Townhomes.

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. 3 E-Mail's from Robert Peters; Scott Baird; Karen Gagner; - RE: Writing to urge you NOT to eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department.

- 2. E-Mail from Steve Wiley RE: Budget cuts start by saying 'NO' to a property tax increase.
- 3. E-Mail from Goodman RE: Against the Human Rights Commission budget cuts.
- 4. E-Mail from Mike Anderson, Anderson Auto Group RE: Tax Increase NO.
- 5. E-Mail from Allan Abbott RE: Budget cuts.
- 6. E-Mail from Sue Quambusch, Chair, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board RE: Parks & Rec. Budget.
- 7. E-Mail from N. Turner RE: Against the Human Rights Commission budget cuts.
- 8. Letter RE: Budget cuts.
- 9. Letter from Dennis Scheer, ASLA, Senior Principal, The Clark Enersen Partners RE: In Support for the Traffic Engineer position in Public Works & Utilities Dept.
- 10. E-Mail from Michael Malone, Vice President, Heartland Region with Attachment of 'Communities With A City Traffic Engineer' RE: Against eliminating the City Traffic Engineer position in the Public Works & Utilities Dept.
- 11. E-Mail Letter from Daniel Thiele, P.E., Professional Engineers Coalition RE: The City Traffic Engineer position in the Public Works & Utilities Dept.
- 12. Letter from Julie Hippen, Career Education Team Leader, Lincoln Public Schools to Larry Williams, Director, City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights RE: 'Thank-you' for presenting to all Lincoln Public Schools Career Education Classes during the 2005-06 school year.
- 13. E-Mail & Letter from Rick Haden RE: City Traffic Engineer Position Vital to Growing Community.

- 14. E-Mail from Mark Lutjeharms RE: City Traffic Engineer.
- 15. E-Mail from Florafae Schoen RE: Budget cuts for Animal Control.
- 16. E-Mail from Karen Dienstbier RE: In Support of the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission.
- 17. 4 E-Mail's from Brenda Wilcher; Elizabeth Beecham; Cheryl Frederick; William Carver, President, NSNA; RE: NO to Economic Development/Community Development Positions budget cuts.
- 18. 3 E-Mail's from Karen Dienstbier; Leroy Stokes, President, Lincoln Branch NAACP; Ralph Rosenberg, Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in Des Moines; RE: Lincoln Commission on Human Rights -Budget.
- 19. E-Mail & Attachment from Renee Malone, Clinton Neighborhood RE: Reasons Why Lincoln Needs More Police Officers.
- 20. E-Mail from Vanice Mueller RE: Property taxes.
- 21. 2 E-Mail's from Jay Edmiston; Karen Cates; RE: Employee Benefit Reduction Proposals for the 06-07 Budget -City Budget.
- 22. E-Mail from Fernando Pagés, Brighton Construction Company RE: Staff Cuts.
- 23. 6 E-Mail's from Moni Usasz; Sara Friedman; Rebecca Williams; Linda Schrock; Mike Carlin; Justin Jones; RE: Proposed Sewage Plant near Wilderness Park.
- 24. E-Mail from Alan Hersch RE: City Budget-Urge you to budget additional funds for LPED.
- 25. E-Mail from Neana Skretta RE: Proposed Urban Development Cuts- Urge you NOT to eliminate two positions.
- 26. E-Mail from Megan Jackson RE: Proposed Sewage Plant.
- 27. E-Mail from Dave Dingman, UNL Environmental Studies Student RE: Sewage plant purchase option.
- 28. Letter from Karen Amen RE: City Budget cuts.

29. Letter from Attorney Joel Bacon, Law Offices of Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, P.C., L.L.O. - RE: Objection to Closed Executive Session on Employee Benefits for August 7, 2006 Pre-Council Meeting (Letter handed out to Council on 8/7/06 before Pre-Council at 3:00 p.m. on this issue)

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Date: August 5, 2006

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of August 5 - 11, 2006

Schedule subject to change

Saturday, August 5

- Nebraska District Optimists annual convention, remarks 9:15 a.m., Villager, Lincoln Ballroom, 5200 "O" Street
- Czech Festival Parade 2 p.m., Wilber

Monday, August 7

- Kindergarten Kickoff, remarks 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Children's Museum, 1420 "P" Street
- City Council public hearing on proposed 2006-2007 City budget after regular City Council meeting, which begins at 4:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, August 8

• Kindergarten Kickoff, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Children's Museum, 1420 "P" Street

Wednesday, August 9

- City Council votes on changes to 2006-2007 City budget 9 a.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street
- Malone Manor 20th anniversary and 45th anniversary of Retirement Housing Foundation, remarks and proclamation - 3:15 p.m., 737 North 22nd Street
- Kindergarten Kickoff, remarks 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Children's Museum, 1420 "P" Street

Thursday, August 10

- Neighborhood Roundtable meeting, remarks 4:30 p.m., County-City Building, Room 113, 555 South 10th Street
- Kindergarten Kickoff, remarks 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Children's Museum, 1420 "P" Street

Friday, August 11

- Rotary Sunshine Picnic 11:30 a.m., Antelope Park
- Lincoln Mattress, grand opening and ribbon-cutting, remarks 4:30 p.m., 4815 South 14th Street



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 4, 2006 FOR MORE INFORMATION: Al Lee, Public Works and Utilities, 441-6092

PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO BE INSTALLED DURING EVENING, OVERNIGHT HOURS

Beginning Monday, August 7, contractors for the City of Lincoln will install durable pavement markings on select streets from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The work is being done during the evening and overnight hours to minimize traffic disruptions. This project will include the removal of old markings and installation of the long-lasting marking material.

Citizens may experience some loud noises and/or single-lane closures, but each area of disruption should last only one night. The entire pavement marking project is expected to take 10 to 15 days to complete. (See attached sheet for a listing of streets affected by this project.)

Streets Affected by the Pavement Marking Project

Adams Street, from 49th Street to 62nd Street

Jameson North Lane, west of 27th Street

Tipperary Trail, west of 27th Street

Cotner Blvd., from about 1 block north of Vine Street to Orchard Street

Cotner Blvd., from about Starr Street to Aylesworth Avenue

"A" Street, from Normal Blvd. To 56th Street

56th Street, from about Van Dorn Street to Nebraska Highway 2

40th Street, from about Pioneers Blvd. To Gertie Avenue

Wildbriar Lane, from 39th Street to 40th Street

Duxhall Drive, from about Village Drive to about 41st Street

17th Street, from "R" Street to Vine Street

17th Street, from South Street to Otoe Street

9th Street, from about "H" Street to Hill Street

Southwood Drive, south of Nebraska Highway 2

10th Street, from about Van Dorn to "R" Street

25th Street, from "P" Street to "N" Street

"L" Street, from 70th Street to 300 feet west of 70th Street

27th Street, from Old Cheney to Coronado

14th Street, from south of Pioneers Blvd. to south of Salt Valley View

Van Dorn Street, from 17th Street to Sheridan Blvd.

70th Street, from Colfax Avenue to Ballard Street

Holdrege Street, from 56th Street to 49th Street

Holdrege Street, from 19th Street to 25th Street

Holdrege Street, from 56th Street to 49th Street

Vine Street, 27th Street to 48th Street

48th Street, from "M" Street to Glade Street

48th Street, from Holdrege Street to Vine Street

48th Street, from Pioneers Blvd. To Woodland Avenue

N.W. 48th Street, from north of "O" Street to Highway 34

Randolph Street, from 36th Street to Robert Road

16th Street, from Vine Street to "R" Street

16th Street, from "K" Street to "A" Street

13th Street, from "K" Street to about Saratoga Street

13th Street, from High Street to Calvert Street

Westgate Blvd., west of Sunvalley Blvd.

Victory Lane, west of Sunvalley Blvd.

1st Street, north and south of "O" Street

N.W. 20th Street, north and south of "O" Street

Woods Blvd., east of 27th Street

North Park Road, from General Aviation Road to N.W. 31st Street

21st Street, from "P" Street to "K" Street



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August 7, 2006



Lincoln City Council Members 555 S. 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Proposed elimination of funding for economic development positions

Dear Council Members:

It has come to our attention that funding for economic development positions has been mentioned by the Council as an area for reduction to assist with the tight budget. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is concerned about that possibility for a number of reasons and respectfully requests your reconsideration.

The County and City signed an Interlocal Agreement (City Resolution No. A-78140) for the administration of the Lancaster County Economic Development Loan Fund by the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department. The County receives program income from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award and Urban Development employs the Economic Development Specialist to handle these funds. This work is not duplicated by any other position involved in economic development in either the City or the County. For us to continue to receive CDBG funds we must have someone who understands the highly technical work involved and who can assist applicants through the process.

In 2002 the County signed another Interlocal Agreement with the City and Lincoln Electric System for an Administrative Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development (County Contract No. C-02-0092).

These interlocal agreements represent an investment by the County for professional economic development positions. Additionally the County has participated financially in several projects. We have made a commitment to economic development and hope the City can continue their commitment as well.

Our Staff Meeting of Thursday, August 3rd, included an agenda item regarding economic development. We heard from Richard Baier, the Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic

Development. The discussion focused on progress made regarding economic development and how we are doing in comparison to our competition. We are moving in the right direction. However, it appears that this is not the time to reduce our investments in economic development. Additionally, in order to continue moving forward with the recommendations from the Angelou Report it is vital we maintain a professional, well-qualified staff.

As elected officials we are all aware of the need to do more to encourage business retention, expansion and growth. We are also aware of tight budgets and the difficult decisions required of us. However, the elimination of any position involved with economic development seems unwise and we are requesting your reconsideration.

We appreciate the difficult decisions elected officials must make regarding budgets and wish you the best as you complete your process.

Sincerely,

Deb Schorr, Chair

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Bernie Heier

Bob Workman, Vice Chair

Larry Hudkins

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cc: Mayor Coleen Seng

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NEWS RELEASE



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 3, 2006

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Beal, Assistant Health Director, 441-8042

Mark Hosking, Pandemic Flu Coordinator, 441-6204

August 7th, Community Forum on Pandemic Flu

The Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department is sponsoring a community forum on August 7th, on the topic of pandemic flu. The public is invited to Auld Recreation Center August 7th, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the avian flu and pandemic flu. The presentation will highlight what Lincoln and Lancaster County leaders are doing to prepare for a possible pandemic.

Presenters at the meeting include Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy, Dr. Joann Schafer, Chief Medical Officer of Nebraska, Dr. Bruce Dart, Director of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department and Doug Ahlberg, Director of Lancaster County Emergency Management. They will share information and answer questions about avian influenza and the possibilities pandemic flu. Topics that will be covered include antiviral use, the latest information on the bird flu, and what you can do to help yourself, your family and friends.

Since 2003 there have been 232 human cases and 134 deaths from the avian flu world wide. In Indonesia a recent outbreak of the avian flu virus resulted in 7 people being suspected of having contracted the human version of the avian flu. To date in 2006 there have been 88 cases and 58 deaths world wide. With migrating birds starting to come through the United States from infected areas, the avian flu virus (H5N1) could easily arrive in North America by the end of the year. Currently there have been no human cases in the United States or in Western Europe.

More information about local planning is available by visiting <u>www.lincoln.ne.gov</u> and typing flu in the keyword search box.

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CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

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Aitken Hazen Hoffman and Miller Architects and Engineers Attn: William Hoffman 1340 Garber Avenue Lincoln, NE 68521

RE: Hunter's Pointe Townhomes

Dear Mr. Hoffmann:

You raised concerns about grading in the Hunter's Pointe development adjacent to your home at 4208 Belridge Drive. I visited the site and also asked Watershed Management to verify that their required erosion control and sedimentation measures were in place in accordance with their approval plan. Watershed Management indicated that the development was in substantial compliance. As of August 4, 2006, my field visit verified that the retaining walls along the west side of the development, including the frontage of your lot, is not yet in place. I personally talked to the developer and his engineer about their plans concerning the retaining wall. They both assured me that they intended to build the retaining wall in general accordance with the approved Community Unit Plan. They both indicated to me that the grading that was done was done so to accommodate construction of the wall which they intended to start construction on within the next several week.

Unless the developer asks for and receives permission to not build this wall (speaking for Public Works, I would not recommend waiving this wall), the wall will need to be constructed before construction begins on the townhouses. As of today, the developer assured me he has no intention to ask to not build the wall.

The approved plans show 8 to 10 feet of drop between your lots west property line and the bottom of the wall. I do not have a cross-section that shows me the cross-section between your lot and the wall, but as you indicated, the top of the wall needs to be a minimum of 10 feet from your property line to be in compliance with the CUP.

At this point in time, all I can assure you is that Public Works along with other applicable City Departments will work to assure that the Hunter's Pointe Townhomes will comply with the approved site plans.

Sincerely,

Dennis Bartels

Engineering Services

cc:

Nicole Fleck-Tooze

Roger Figard Karl Fredrickson

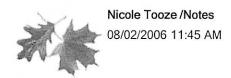
Mike Merwick

Breck Collingsworth (8200 Cody Dr, Suite G2 (12)

Robert Dean (RD Engineering, 11920 Burt St, Suite 180, Omaha, NE 68514)







To Dennis D Bartels/Notes@Notes

CC Dale L Stertz/Notes@Notes, Ray F Hill/Notes@Notes, Karen K Sieckmeyer/Notes@Notes

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Subject HUNTER'S POINT GRADING ISSUE

Dennis, could you please have someone reply to Mr. Hoffman regarding the grading at Hunter's Point (see attached pdf), copy Karen for the Council packet, and address the grading if it is not in conformance with the approved plans.

This came up at the Aug 17th Director's meeting with the Council and I was reminded today that I neglected to follow up with you before I left last week. If possible, it would be desirable to have a response ready by Mon 9 am so that Karen could get it in the addendum for the Council. I understand that Dale Stertz also may have some history dealing with this site.

Sorry for the delay on my end. Thank you, Nicole.



AITKEN HAZEN HOFFMAN AND MILLER ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

1340 GARBER AVENUE LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68521 Tel. 476-8883

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HUNTERS POINTE TOWNHOMES

JUL 1 3 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

My wife and I are owners of a home at 4208 Bel-Ridge Drive which backs up to lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 5 of Hunter Pointe townhomes.

We are very concerned about the amount of dirt cut to the rear of lots 16 thru 22, Block 5.

The cut is about 10 to 12 feet deep starting at five feet from the property line and is very very steep.

The special permit No 05050, Resolution No. 00973, page 6 (copy enclosed) for Hunters Pointe Townhomes indicates that theirs would be a rectangular wall no closer than ten feet from the west property line and that the 10-15 foot distance from the property line shall be landscaped with bushes and trees.

I request that this would be taken under immediate advisement and that a cross section detail be made and the dirt would be replaced to reflect the resolution. This item came about because I and others appeared before the City with this problem and that the former covenants of the double wide court had a 25 foot space for landscape at the rear property along Bel-Ridge Drive.

It was told at the city meetings that the cut would only be a very few feet (not 10 to 12 feet).

I have been told that the city planning and the city building inspection office have no power to check into this matter and it appears to slip through the cracks.

The owner said they will take care of it. I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I need to see a profile behind my property. HELP! HELP!

Sincerely yours,

AITKEN HAZEN HOFFMAN AND MILLER, P.C.

L. W. Hotzman, Architect/Engineer

LWH/pks Enclosure

N. BRUCE HAZEN Architect AIA LW. HOFFMAN Architect AIA Prof. Engineer RICHARD G. MILLER Architect AIA



To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us cc bcc

Subject Urban Development programs

Dear City Council:

I have been a resident of the Near South for 30 years. Many of the problems in our area can be traced to poor planning in the past. The current efforts of the Urban Development office to revitalize the area of the 15th Street Corridor leading from A street to the Capitol is important in the reduction of crime in our area.

I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department - positions which I believe have a positive impact on businesses, help increase home-ownership, and, consequently, help reduce crime.

Sincerely yours, Robert W. Peters 1745 S. 25th St. Lincoln, NE 68502

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"Scott Baird" <scottbaird@aya.yale.edu>

08/04/2006 08:51 AM

Please respond to <scottbaird@aya.yale.edu>

To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Urban Development Positions

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department - positions which I believe have a positive impact on businesses, help increase home-ownership, helpsreduce crimeand increases the quality of life and perceived quality of life the attracts so many to our community.

Urban Development's programs play a critical role in helping to revitalize and sustain our city. Please do not cut the Economic Development and Community Development Program Specialist positions from Urban Development. These programs are vital to the effort to make all of Lincoln a positive place for businesses and residents alike.

Sincerely,

Scott Baird scottbaird@aya.yale.edu



To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

Subject Urban Development Department

City Council Members:

I am writing to request that you reconsider deleting Economic Development Specialist and Community Development Specialist from the budget. The Urban Development Department plays a critical role in the older neighborhoods in Lincoln. They have assisted many neighborhoods and small businesses with getting grants to help revitalize these areas. New development and growth that expands the size of Lincoln is wonderful. However, we cannot ignore the older neighborhoods and let them deteriorate. The Urban Development Department works to increase business opportunities, which creates jobs, improves the "look" of the neighborhoods, and also plays a role in decreasing crime in those neighborhoods. From what I have seen of that department for the last several years, they are creative, efficient, and dedicated to their role of improving life in the City of Lincoln. Again, I respectfully request that you do not take the two positions away from the Department of Urban Development. Karen L. Gagner

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1992 Lake St.



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Steve Wiley

Address: 6615 Potomac Place City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-432-0766

Fax:

Email: marketpro@alltel.net

Comment or Question:

Please contain spending increases to (or less than) the cost of inflation for the next fiscal year and beyonnd. Please start by saying a loud and vigerious 'NO!' to a property tax increase.

Budget cuts recently taken 'off of the table' should go back 'on' and be 'cut': reductions to the 2:1 match for the employee benefits, across the board reductions in overtime, a new GIS position, July 4 celebration cuts, Antelope Valley staff, and many other ideas. These are all 'want', not 'need' items.

Have we searched for and considered such alternate revenue sources? Extended use of 'user fees' - for example, library usage - and other such services, where possible, are a great way to keep quality city government and keep direct taxes low.

Transferring services and functions from government workers to automated, web-based resources could keep taxes low and services high. Please get creative, think 'outside of the box', and learn to work with less money.

Streamlining the workforce and non-essential programs, just as many private companies and our state universities have done, can and should lower the cost of city government operation. Most government jobs and some programs should be no more 'protected' than if in the private sector.

Sure, we have to keep schools, police, fire protection, and emergency responder services, but even those areas should find ways to do more (or the same) with less money. From news reports, it looks like we are very efficient at purchasing fire trucks. Surely this is only the 'tip of the iceburg'.

Living in Lincoln has long been an expensive but mostly affordable luxury, for most residents. Politics that allow the cost of government to grow unnecessarily have directly and indirectly made the cost of home ownership within our city unnecessarily over-burdensome.

If the cost to live in Lincoln continues to outstrip salary increases, at some time (soon), we will yield to unintended and undesired negative consequences such as personal and business economic stagnation and waste.

You, as our elected City Council members and leaders, need to take a strong position to limit future increases in the cost of living in Lincoln. Please start by saying a loud and vigerious 'NO!' to a property tax increase.

Thank you,

Steve Wiley



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Rick Goodman

Address: 840 Foxcroft Court #140

City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 438-9353

Fax:

Email: rgoodman2@unl.edu

Comment or Question:

Dear Council,

The Human Rights Commission has been doing a very important job in helping those who have been wronged and need assistance. As I understand it the current manager of the Commission has been resigned and the Mayor has recommended down-grading the position to a staff assistant. While I am sure there are some very capable people that might qualify as a staff assistant, it is important to maintain sound leadership as the head of the commission.

Therefore I hope you will work to maintain the current level of expertise. And fill the vacancy with someone who will help to maintain the high level leadership needed in difficult human rights cases.

Thank you, Rick



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Tax Increase

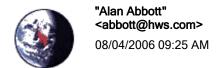
As a business owner right now, raising taxes at the proposed level would put a huge burden on our business. Times are real tough for us right now and this additional burden could cause some to go out of business.

Mike Anderson

Anderson Auto Group

402-458-9800

402-458-9832 Fax



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Budget

After working with the Council for five years preparing budgets for Public Works and Utilities, I understand the frustration on the part of the Council and Directors in trying to arrive at a budget that will allow the City to maintain its high quality of life, grow in an effective manner and yet realize that there is a limit as to what the citizens of Lincoln can afford. Tough decisions must be made and there will be a large portion of the community that will disagree with what ever action is taken. Everyone believes their particular interest is the most important one in the City.

That said, I also believe that reductions and elimination of programs must be done very carefully so that the short term savings do not result in a long term detriment to the City. Through out my long career in public service, three things have been consistent: there are too many public employees, when economic times become difficult public agencies should be like the private side and cut back and there is no reason that if number two occurs there should be any reduction in service to the community.

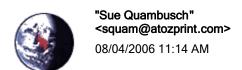
For the five years I had the pleasure of serving as Director of Public Works and Utilities, the most common concerns heard were: the City was not doing enough for economic development, and traffic congestion in Lincoln was not acceptable.

It is my opinion that the action proposed by the Council to eliminate positions in Planning, Urban Development, and Public Works and Utilities will be counter productive to resolving these concerns.

Elimination of these positions will slow the process for economic development and reduce significantly the City's ability to resolve the traffic problem.

I urge the Council to reconsider its position on these proposals. Do not try to save a dime today that will cost the citizens of Lincoln a dollar tomorrow.

Allan Abbott 4516 Fir Hollow Lane Lincoln Nebraska



Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Parks and Rec Budget

Good morning to all:
Addressing the 2006 -2007 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department
After speaking to Lynn Johnson, he says that the 5200 hour reduction in seasonal labor, the elimination of tree spraying and tree trimming are all things they can deal with internally. How, I have no idea. Therefore, I urge you to support the Mayor's budget on this section.
But there are two very important areas that need to be addressed:
In 2006-07, there are seven new park areas open or slated to be opened and 6.5 miles of trails that need maintenance. The Department estimates that to be 2800 hours annually. We need to provide this maintenance as promised to the citizens of Lincoln, many of whom could be your neighbors.
Second is the deferred maintenance schedule, part of the Capital Improvement Program. We simply cannot continue to defer maintenance on the parks, recreation facilities and trails we already have. We all know, from the information provided by the Mayor's Infrastructure Task Force, that the Parks Department needs \$1.3 million annually to maintain park land and facilities. The question at hand is, how are we going to do that? It will take creative thinking and I'm sure you will find a way. We simply cannot continue down the path that ignores long term maintenance and repair.
Finally, please remember that the recreation programs, parks and trails of Lincolnare a great economic development tool for those people looking to move to Lincoln. We cannot ignore this fact.
Thank you for considering my points.
Sincerely,
Sue Quambusch



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To Council@lincoln.ne.gov

cc BCoffey@ci.lincoln.ne.us, mayor@ci.lincoln.ne.us

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Subject Human Rights Commission

Dear Council Members, please do not make cuts to the Human Rights Commission. My clients rely on the fact that there is someone who can investigate concerns of discrimination and be able to help them to take appropriate action. The commission has been able to counsel and assist several clients of our program. Diversity is increasing in this community but discrimination and poor treatment stay basically the same. Members of our community need to know that they do have recourse and that they will be taken seriously when problems arise. Thank you for the work that you are doing in this community and please continue to insure that all citizens will be treated fairly.

City Council:

If you want to take a look at trying to save some money, you should ask the question why Greg Topil (who I believe earns Overtime rate) was out on Sunday, July 23, 2006, at 9:30 - 10:00 in the morning picking up the signs around town from the people who sell the produce in the City during the week. I witnessed this myself.

I know that the signs should probably not be in the ROW, but to do this on overtime on a Sunday morning is a little out of line, in my opinion. You may think differently.

You need to take a little closer look to Engineering Services/traffic and see what their people invest their time in and how well they cover it up. This could save you a lot of money. Instead of attacking the peoples future in their golden years, get a good look at what is going on now in the various areas. How many chiefs, change of command, and how many Indians to actually do the jobs that need to be done.





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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

August 2, 2006

City Council 555 So. 10th Street, Suite 111 Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508

Members of the City Council:

I want to express my support for the Traffic Engineer position in the Public Works and Utilities Engineering Services Department. Members of our firm frequently attend meetings regarding proposed developments that include discussions regarding traffic planning and engineering. There is no question that our ability to design safe, well-planned projects is dependent on the input that we receive from the City's traffic engineer. In fact, it causes me great concern to think that a City of our size could do without this position.

I would also like to express my support for Randy Hoskins. Every discussion that I, or any member of The Clark Enersen Partners, have had with Randy has been professional, positive, and helpful. He is an outstanding engineer and an asset to the City staff.

If this position is eliminated, it will negatively affect our ability to design projects that are well integrated into the City's transportation network, and it will have a negative impact on the public health, safety and welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

Senior Principal

The Clark Enersen Partners



To all Council Members:

I have been following the recent proposal to eliminate the City Traffic Engineer position with great interest and disappointment. As a transportation professional with 20+ years of experience, including prior experience as a City Traffic Engineer (Olathe, KS), it amazes me that anyone in Lincoln, and particularly those in elected positions that should understand the importance of such a position, could propose something so short-sighted and harmful to the City.

Lincoln has experienced tremendous growth and development in recent years and traffic issues are consistently at the top of the list of community concerns. I have worked as a consultant in Lincoln for over 10 years and seen firsthand the admirable job that our current City Traffic Engineer has done. Randy possesses excellent technical knowledge and communication skills and brings relevant experience from several other cities in the U.S. When he was hired, this was one of the key selection criteria. We needed someone that had broad-based experience and knowledge to draw upon to help address traffic issues in Lincoln. Randy has brought that type of experience to the table and many of the traffic-related accomplishments (of both he and his staff) were identified in the recent article in the Lincoln Journal-Star.

However, those accomplishments are just a small part of his day-to-day activities and the value the City Traffic Engineer position brings to the City. He has countless other duties that are relatively unnoticed until no one is doing them. Prior to filling the City Traffic Engineer position some years ago, there was a general lack of direction and vision regarding traffic engineering issues in Lincoln. Despite the efforts of current City staff, someone with strong traffic engineering skills was needed to provide direction, oversee technical activities, act as a facilitator/communicator between countless entities, and make decisions. The relationships at that time between developers, City staff, elected officials, and consultants was contentious at best. We have seen significant improvement since Randy has been on staff. Nothing is perfect, but Lincoln is in far better shape from a traffic perspective since Randy has been here. There will always be conflicts and differences of opinion. Intelligent individuals should be able to overcome these things for the common good.

Randy is highly-respected within the traffic engineering community regionally and nationally and Lincoln is fortunate to have someone of his caliber and work ethic. I know that other City staff (some that you have already heard from) including everyone that I know and work with on a daily basis, support his efforts and truly value the importance of this position.

It appears from the article in the LJS that this proposal is being driven by personal interests and/or personality conflicts. This is unfortunate and I hope untrue. If it is true, and you are entertaining the idea of reestablishing the position and/or rehiring a City Traffic Engineer after Randy leaves, I would urge you to think again, because this will not be an easy task. The traffic engineering community is relatively small and tight-knit across the U.S. I can assure you that good candidates will not be easily hired in Lincoln due to the historic lack of political support and respect for the City Traffic Engineer position in Lincoln and especially the recent activities surrounding this position. I personally know several candidates from the last go-round that hesitantly put their name in the hat or never mustered up the courage to do so due to these concerns. And despite Randy's excellent qualifications, there was not a deep pool of qualified candidates last time around and it took a very long time to fill the position. I also know many qualified candidates and peers that have joked about "who would be stupid enough to apply for this position if it is vacant again based on the recent sequence of events." Please think about this because it will not be an easy task. Getting a lame duck "yes man" that can screw things up will be easy. Getting a qualified traffic engineer with technical skills and integrity may prove difficult.

Lastly, there is no silver bullet regarding who would do the work of the City Traffic Engineer if the position is eliminated or if it is kept (but Randy decides to move on) and it simply can't be filled for a long time. Current City staff do not have the time or expertise to provide the mentoring and direction and technical oversight that Randy currently provides. This important work will go undone and poor decisions will be made that will effect the community forever. Unfortunately, enough of that happens at the presenttime. I have attached a listing of cities the size of Lincoln or smaller that have a City Traffic Engineer. In fact, many of these communities have multiple traffic engineering staff with civil engineering degrees and professional engineering licences. This is a testament to the value that communities all over the U.S. place on a highly-qualified traffic engineering staff. Keep in mind this is just a quick, web-based survey of cities smaller than Lincoln. To my knowledge, there are no cities the size of Lincoln in the U.S. that do not have a City Traffic Engineer.

It would truly be a tragedy to see Lincoln make this mistake. Lincoln needs this position. Our current City Traffic Engineer is doing a fine job and has the confidence of his staff, the public and the engineering community. I respectfully encourage you all to reconsider the proposal to eliminate this position. Thanks very much for your consideration of this request.

Michael S. Malone, P.E., PTOE

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City	Population
Monterey, CA	30,000
Minot, ND	37,000
Lenexa, KS	45,000
Ames, IA	52,000
Cheyenne, WY	55,000
Bismarck, ND	57,000
Rapid City, SD	60,000
Brooklyn Park, MN	67,000
Gastonia, NC	68,000
Evanston, IL	75,000
Ogden City, UT	78,000
Fayetteville, AR	80,000
Denton, TX	81,000
Lawrence, KS	81,000
Redding, CA	89,000
Rochester, MN	94,000
Fargo, ND	95,000
Everett, WA (searching)	97,000
Des Moines, IA	99,000
Norman, OK	102,000
Green Bay, WI	102,000
Olathe, KS	111,000
Peoria, IL	113,000
Independence, MO	113,000
Provo, UT	115,000
Stamford, CT	117,000
Columbia, SC	120,000
Cedar Rapids, IA	121,000
Topeka, KS	122,000
Sioux Falls, SD	137,000
Aurora, IL	143,000
Rockford, IL	150,000
Springfield, MO	155,000
Overland Park, KS	
Fort Lauderdale, FL (searching)	165,000
Little Rock, AR	170,000 183,000
Greensboro, NC	185,000
Winston Salem, NC	186,000
Spokane, WA	195,000
Madison, WI	208,000
Henderson, NV	224,000
Birmingham, AL	231,000
Chandler, AZ	241,000

PEC Professional Engineers Coalition

American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers American Society of Civil Engineers Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska

August 7, 2006

City Council Office County-City Building 555 S. 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

The Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC) comprises four constituent organizations: 1) The American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska; 2) Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers; 3) American Society of Civil Engineers; and 4) Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska. In addition, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is an associate member of the Coalition.

Approximately 5 years ago, representatives from these organizations met to form an alliance to coordinate and promote issues that affect our ability to work in our profession in accordance with the Engineers' Code of Ethics. The fields of engineering encompass civil, electrical, mechanical, environmental, geotechnical, metallurgical, chemical, energy production, and conservation. The goal of PEC is to facilitate the protection of an Engineer's ability to protect the health and safety of the citizens and the environment through our profession.

The Professional Engineers Coalition opposes the elimination of the City Traffic Engineer position and respectfully requests that the Council reconsider this action and affirm the importance of this position.

The residents of the City of Lincoln consistently rank traffic flow as a major priority and concern surpassed only by economic development in several recent community surveys. The safe and efficient movement of traffic and properly designed signal systems at intersections is essential to the safety of the motorist. In addition, knowing how to effectively and safely direct traffic that is generated by development is paramount to maintaining the arterial network of a city. If congestion occurs, air quality is jeopardized and the health and safety of the general public is directly affected.

Similar to the fields of Law and Medicine, the discipline of Engineering encompasses several specialties of practice. While most civil engineers have basic training in traffic operations, a Traffic Engineer has had specific training in traffic operations and safety and has maintained this specialty through continuing education. Management of the city's traffic system should be performed by a trained professional.

The City Traffic Engineering position is warranted to address today's rapidly changing transportation demands while reassessing "traditional" elements of the traffic engineering profession. A greater importance on transportation improvements to include smooth traffic flow, reducing congestion, and costly fuel consumption will inevitably remain as the City of Lincoln continues to expand.

The City Traffic Engineer's knowledge and experience of Transportation Engineering is needed to manage, design, operate and maintain transportation systems to minimize tort liability for the governmental agency, all of which must be learned doing the job of a Transportation Engineer. To some extent, consultants can be used for these functions. However, consultants rarely get the opportunity to manage the operation and maintenance functions as these are normally provided by the governmental agency. When cities reach a size of 50,000 or more, they generally can justify the hiring of a City Traffic Engineer as a separate position (with a specific body of knowledge) rather than continue to have the Public Works Director, who is a generalist, make the decisions about traffic controls and maintenance of traffic control devices. As cities grow, the responsibilities in Transportation Engineering become more complex requiring someone handling these duties on a full time basis.

The vehicle miles of travel on City of Lincoln streets has doubled over the past 20 years from 2,225,000 vehicle-miles per day in 1985 to over 4,500,000 vehicle-miles per day in 2004. The preferred Long Range Transportation Plan recently endorsed by the Planning Commission predicts the number to double again reaching over 9,500,000 vehicle miles of travel in Lincoln by the year 2030. This future growth coupled with the prioritization of transportation improvements necessitates the position of City Traffic Engineer.

In addition, the City of Lincoln cannot expect to recruit and retain qualified professionals if the agency does not place importance on the highest position within the Traffic and Transportation Division/Section. Traffic engineering needs to be viewed as an essential element in the shaping of communities. Cities the size of Lincoln have a need for a division dedicated to serving the public needs relating to traffic safety, traffic services, and traffic system management.

Elimination of the position will not eliminate the duties and responsibilities of the City Traffic Engineer but will shift them to other City staff who may not have technical training in traffic engineering. Given the current responsibilities of the City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer, PEC requests clarification on how the Council intends to shift City Traffic Engineer duties without a reduction in service to the Citizens and business leaders in the community.

The Professional Engineers Coalition strongly urges the Lincoln City Council to reconsider its action on this issue and reinstate the City Traffic Engineer position.

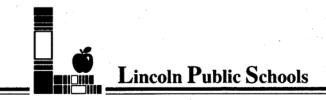
Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Professional Engineers Coalition

Daniel Thiele, P.E.

Professional Engineers Coalition 301 S. 13th St., Ste. 101 Lincoln, NE 68508

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August 4, 2006

Larry Williams, Director City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights 440 South 8th Street, Suite 101 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Larry,

On behalf of students and teachers, I would like to thank you for presenting to all Lincoln Public Schools Career Education Classes during the 2005-06 school year. Your presentations were very helpful to 15-17 year old students who are just beginning employment. Because of your presentations this past school year, approximately 2500 students are now aware of their rights and responsibilities in regard to discrimination and harassment in the workplace. Not only are these students aware of rights and responsibilities, but they also have several contacts and resources if they are ever needed.

Students always have quite an exchange about what they have learned from your presentation. The discussions that evolve allow students the opportunity to explain their new understanding of the importance of equity in the workplace and beyond. Students always feel that your presentation and especially your knowledgeable answers to their questions are very helpful and worthwhile.

I appreciate your commitment to all Lincoln Public Schools students so they may be more informed about harassment and discrimination in the workplace. Your presentation gives students a valuable experience as they prepare for the world of work. When our community and the schools work together, great goals can be accomplished; and it means a better community! Thanks again for being a positive force in this work. We look forward to working with you again during the 2006-07 school year.

Sincerely,

Julie Kippen

Julie Hippen Career Education Team Leader Lincoln Public Schools 5901 "O" Street Lincoln, NE 68510

Cc: Lincoln City Council



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject City Traffic Engineer Position Vital to Growing Community

Dear City Council Members,

Attached are some of my initial thoughts on hearing that the Lincoln City Council would even discuss cutting the vital position of City Traffic Engineer. The orderly growth of every moderate size city in the country relies heavily on the input and guidance of its traffic engineers. In the past 40 years Lincoln has had over a dozen Traffic Engineers on staff and Randy Hoskins is one of the finest, most innovative that I have known. He is well respected by other transportation engineers in the midwest and has worked diligently to stretch Lincoln's overloaded street network within the resources provided. I respectfully request that the Council reconsider this tentative cut since it would have longer term negative impacts to our community.

Sincerely, Rick Haden 3300 South 29th Street Lincoln, NE 68502 H 423-3129 W 430-4947

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The following comments are in reference to the Lincoln City Council's July 19th vote to cut the City Traffic Engineer position from the Mayor's proposed FY 2006-07 Budget.

The City Traffic Engineer position should rank at the top of any objective prioritization of positions to maintain within the City based on benefits versus costs to the community. The responsibilities and need for Traffic Engineering are expanding. The vehicle miles traveled on Lincoln streets have doubled over the past 20 years and are forecasted to double again over the next 20-25 years.

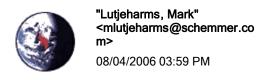
Traffic Engineering has reduced traffic crashes in Lincoln. The number of injury traffic crashes in Lincoln was 1,966 in 2004. This is <u>300</u> lower than the 2,274 injury crashes Lincoln experienced 20 years ago in 1985.

Traffic Engineering is one of the most specialized and rapidly changing professions with constant advances in technology of traffic signal equipment, software, engineering standards, and regulations. This alone requires professional knowledge to apply effectively.

School Crossing Protection requires the City Traffic Engineer's competent analysis and attention to adjust the placement of sidewalks and traffic control due to increased travel, new subdivisions, and new schools.

The current City Traffic Engineer, Randy Hoskins and the Traffic Engineering staff are constantly looking for ways to improve traffic flow and to make travel safer for persons walking, driving, and biking across Lincoln. Lincoln should be increasing not decreasing the staff and resources for Traffic Engineering if we wish to improve our transportation system.

Sincerely, Rick Haden 3300 South 29th Street Lincoln, NE 68502 (H) 423-3129 (W) 430-4947



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject City Traffic Engineer

Members of the Lincoln City Council:

I am aware of the many comments you have been receiving from many of my traffic engineering colleagues on the reasons for retaining the position of City Traffic Engineer. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend Monday's public hearing as I will be out-of-state, but please know that as another local traffic engineering professional and Board member of the Lincoln-Omaha-Council Bluffs Association of Transportation Engineers (LOCATE), I concur with the statements that individuals such as Lonnie Burklund, Mike Malone and Rick Haden have offered you or will be providing at Monday's public hearing. Please allow me to join them in urging you to retain the position of City Traffic Engineer in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Thank you for your consideration!

Mark E. Lutjeharms, P.E., PTOE 8115 Lowell Avenue Lincoln, NE 68506



To <Council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Budget cuts for Animal Control

Please do not let the budget for Animal Control be reduced in order to cut one (or maybe two) AC officers. They all do a great job with stray pets, lost pets, hurt animals, etc., and, should be supported by the City Council.

Thank you.

Florafae Schoen 815 W. Stockwell Lincoln, NE 68522-2144



To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject In support of the Lincoln Lancaster Womens Commission

Dear City Council Members,

As a member of the Friends of the Lincoln Lancaster Women's Commission I can tell you that they work very hard and have the best interest of our community in mind when they research and offer their programs for the women of Lincoln. They off programming for low-income women, refugee/emigrant women and those in business. And I have a sense that all of you have, from time to time, used the material provided by the LLWC in making decisions as to what is important to the city of Lincoln. It seems to me that knowing that Lincoln is one of several cities in the US that has a higher percentage of working women means that they need the representation of such an organization.

Please find below the reasons I think that you would do well to continue your support for the Lincoln Lancaster Women's Commission not just this year, but for the foreseeable future.

Thank you,

Karen Dienstbier

Why should LLWC remain within local government? Assuming it has a discrete function to perform could this not be done as effectively if the LLWC were a private, nonprofit corporation?

Response:

In 1961, President John Kennedy formed a national Commission on the Status of Women. Today's city, county and state Women's Commissions were established to ensure continued work towards women's equality. These Commissions were designed to be part of government since their purpose is to provide information and advice to elected officials on contemporary issues impacting women in their communities. The LLWC, and other Women's Commissions throughout the United States, represent their local governments' tangible, financial commitment to identify and eliminate sources of gender bias and discrimination in their communities that impact women who represent 50% of their constituencies. So long as gender bias and discrimination exist, there is a need for Women's Commissions.

What specifically has the LLWC accomplished recently?

Response:

• The Place at the Table Project

This survey's purpose was to identify how many women in Lincoln and Lancaster County are in leadership positions in public and private boards and commissions. Having more women in those positions will involve them more in policy decisions and day-to-day operations of businesses. This will affect women's working conditions, wages, etc.

• The Women and Money Conference

This Conference provides information that women need to manage their finances effectively, thereby reducing their dependence on current or future public assistance.

• The Council of Women Leaders

The Council brings together women who represent diverse organizations and businesses throughout the county to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Women Talk

This series of hour-long educational programs on Cable Channel 5 focuses on topics of interest to women such as: retirement, child care, eating disorders, heart disease, women in politics and women in the military.

• My Medical Records Manager Project

"Women's Voices", as survey of the needs of women in Lincoln/Lancaster County, conducted by the LLWC, identified medical issues as an area of primary concern. The Medical Records Manager Project educates women on the information needed by the medical community to provide them with quality care and how to communicate effectively with medical providers. Because Lincoln/Lancaster County is one of the largest relocation sites for refugees, the Project information was translated into four languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic and Russian. The information was also made available to women in the community using multi-media sources so that women who were not literate could access this service. This Project was recognized by the Community Health Endowment as having provided an innovative, unique service to the community.

Ready to Run Project

This non-partisan workshop provides essential information to women who are interested in running for elected office.

• "Why Women Should Vote" Pamphlet

This Pamphlet encourages women to vote and identifies issues that impact women. It sets out how these issues fit within the political process and demonstrates the importance of women's participation in the political process.

• LLWC was instrumental in providing information that

resulted in enactment of a city-county personnel policy on breastfeeding. To support this policy, the County Board purchased a hospital-grade breast pump for use by city-county employees.

Women's Commission's purpose is to affect systematic change so as to eliminate gender bias and discrimination. It provides women with the tools they need to be active and productive contributors to the community and it educates and advises governmental decision makers on issues and actions that affect women and that may advance or hinder the goal of equality.



To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

Subject Economic Development/Community Development Specialist Positions

Dear Council Members,

Reduced crime and increased business opportunities are something I know you support here in Lincoln. I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department - positions which I believe have a positive impact on businesses, help increase home-ownership, and, consequently, help reduce crime.

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Urban Development's programs play a critical role in helping to revitalize and sustain our city. I can think of few programs that has such a positive, broad impact. Please do not cut the Economic Development and Community Development Program Specialist positions from Urban Development. These programs are vital to the effort to make all of Lincoln a positive place for businesses and residents alike.

Sincerely,



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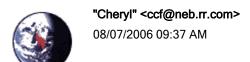
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I'm a Lincoln native and was raised in the older neighborhood around Woods Park. As our city grows, we need to be careful to maintain our older neighborhoods in order to avoid the inner city problems that face other larger cities. Lincoln will only continue to expand, and the city council needs to, at the very least, maintain the number of members it now has that oversee the health of our city's core neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Beecham 4031 La Salle Street Lincoln, NE 68516

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To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us> cc bcc

Subject urban development

I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate the two poitions from the Urban Development Department. I live in the Near South neighborhood and believe these positions have a positive and necessary impact on businesses, help increase home ownership, and help reduce crime.

Please do not cut the Economic Development and Community Development Program Secialist positions from Urban Development. These programs are vital to making Lincoln a positive place for all.

I also ask that you not cut the City Traffic Engineer position. This sounds to me like a very necessary position, one that cannot be added part time to another person's job.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Frederick



To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Say No to Urban Development Cuts

Dear City Council Members,

As President of the Near South Neighborhood Association, I am writing to ask you not to cut the Economic Development Specialist and Community Development Specialist from the Urban Development Department. Urban Development plays a critical role in assisting many neighborhoods and small businesses with obtaining grants to help revitalize areas in the city.

Urban Development has been instrumental in helping the Near South Neighborhood Association successfully revitalize a section of S 17th Street and we are currently working with them on a revitalization project on S 15th Street from A Street to the Capitol.

The elimination of these two positions will have an adverse effect on our neighborhoods and businesses. Urban Development has a small staff and eliminating these two positions will reduce their effectiveness in helping to improve our city. Please save these two positions.

Sincerely,

William Carver President - NSNA



To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc <mayor@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

Subject LCHR budget

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Dear City Council Members,

As a tax payer, whose property tax rates have just increased dramatically I would like to know exactly what you intend to do with my money if you are NOT going to use it to continue to fund the work of the Commission on Human Rights and other organizations that support low in come people? I may be one of the few left in Lincoln, but I don't mind paying taxes as along as I know my city is being vigilant in keeping alive the spirit of supporting those less fortunate than I am. I see that the work of the LCHR can not be done by private groups. It needs to be exactly where it is so that it can continue to speak for the people of Lincoln with the support and backing of city government. And in my opinion it deserves that support and backing.

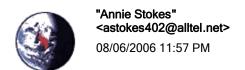
Below you will find the reasons I believe that it is in the best interest of all Lincolnites to have this worthy Commission supported by City funding.

Thank you, Karen Dienstbier

- 1.LCHR investigates complaints of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. From 1997 to 2005 LCHR has investigated an average of 97 complaints per year.
- 2. LCHR is needed since the NEOC is back-logged and once a complaint is filed it will be one year before the investigation begins. Timely investigations for respondents reduces legal costs. LCHR does not have a back-log and complaints are investigated in a complete and thorough manner on an average of 6 months.
- 3. Although reasonable cause findings may seem low there are complaints which are settled prior to the Commission rendering a decision.
- 4. LCHR's jurisdiction is more expansive than the NEOC. We cover employers of 4 or more employees versus 15 or more employees for the NEOC. LCHR complainants have one year to file versus 10 days for the NEOC for public accommodation complaints. People over the age of 70 years old can't file an age complaint with the NEOC. Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code covers marital status in housing and the NEOC does not provide this coverage.
- 5. LCHR has an extensive outreach program. 71 outreach sessions were conducted in 2005, reaching more than 3,200 people. This includes our Fair Housing Conference, the Great Plains Symposium on Employment Issues, weekly Lincoln Housing Authority sessions with Section 8 Clients and our unique collaboration with the Lincoln Public Schools in their Career Education

classes. The United States Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC) requested information and materials on our program with LPS for their records. Also, the Fair Housing Conference is unique in Nebraska and a model for others.

- 6. Customer satisfaction surveys which are sent to all respondents and complainants of LCHR indicate a satisfaction score of 90% of the surveys returned.
- 7. LCHR, in cooperation with the Women's Commission, compiles a Directory of Women and Minority Businesses which is updated quarterly and is on-line. There are more than 200 businesses listed. This provides a valuable resource for our community.



To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>, <lwilliams@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (Budget)

TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jon Camp Jonathan Cook Robin Eschliman Dan Marvin Annette McRoy Patte Newman Ken Syoboda

Dear Council Members:

I am writing in support of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. I am asking that as you review your upcoming budget that the Lincoln Commission be fully funded. The Commission has a long history of working to investigate complaints of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. From 1997 to 2005 LCHR has investigated on an average of 97 complaints per year. The changing demographics in Lincoln makes their "effective" existence even more important.

I had the privilege to serve on the Commission for six years. I observed first hand how the commission helped persons within this community. Many who did not have the financial resources or knowledge to seek assistance elsewhere were able to find resolve through the LCHR. I am also aware that every contact does not evolve into a full blown compliant of discrimination. Sometimes persons seeking assistance needs a good listening ear and LCHR provides this service well.

LCHR is one of the main resources used by the Lincoln Branch NAACP. As president of the Lincoln Branch and a past member of the Commission, I have witnessed first hand the staff bring issues to resolve quickly and fairly for all parties involved.

As a tax payer in Lincoln, I am fully aware of the need to hold the line on taxes, and that cuts must be made. However, this Commission's role and function is vital to the entire Lincoln community and deserves to be fully funded to support its operations and needed staff.

Leroy Stokes President Lincoln Branch NAACP PO Box 81322 Lincoln, NE 68501 (402) 430-7003 cell (402) 475-4700 office

cc:

Mayor Coleen J. Seng Lincoln, NE

Larry Williams, Director City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights In Iowa, we have learned that Lincoln may be contemplating withdrawal of support for their Commission. I am writing to urge your city to strengthen its support. With the projected increases in the numbers of aging Nebraskans, people of color, people from diverse national origins, and people with disabilities, now is the time to strengthen civil rights programs. We know in Iowa that our state Commission needs local Commission.

Nebraska should have a state civil rights policy that is as good as the American dream, so that bigotry and hatred never again steal hope and the future of any Nebraskan. Your local commission helps remove barriers and provide opportunities to enable all Nebraskan to fully participate in employment, education, public services, housing, credit, and health care. Your local Commission helps improve the image of Nebraska as a state that encourages and supports diversity and creativity, through a structure of civil rights enforcement and education.

Civil rights provide the mechanisms to address and deter problems that threaten to hamper or reverse the in-migration of people to our state.

A close link exists between diversity and achieving a creative and entrepreneurial workforce. We cannot afford to lose the benefits of a diverse, inclusive society. .

For the future of the midwest, we need to create safe, diverse, attractive and inclusive communities. To successfully 'absorb' diverse populations, society needs a structure of civil rights, including a cost effective law enforcement mechanism. Your Commission's vital role is by enforcing equal opportunity in employment, housing, education, credit, health care and public services for all.



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Subject REASONSWHYLINCOLNNEEDSMOREPOLICEOFFICERS. DOC

When making decisions on the city budget, please consider the needs of the citizens of Lincoln. It is a sad state of affairs when a city the size of Lincoln doesn't have enough police officers. And it's even worse when smaller cities with much less crime have bigger department than we do. This should be an embarrassment to the city. Another area of concern is the Urban department proposed cuts. The old neighborhoods in Lincoln depend on the Urban department, if those proposed cuts are made- it will make a huge impact on the older neighborhoods. This would not be a positive impact, it would be a negative impact that could effect these neighborhoods for years to come. We all know that budget cuts are difficult, but please consider these requests. We all would like a safer city, and one that continues to help older neighborhoods become and stay revitalized. Thank you for your time,

Renee Malone
Clinton Neighborhood
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REASONS WHY LINCOLN NEEDS MORE POLICE OFFICERS

- Lincoln's police force is the smallest per capita in the State of Nebraska.
- If Lincoln's police force was the same size in relation to our population as Kearney, we would need 83 more officers. If it was the same size as Grand Island, we would need 88 more officers. If it was the same size as Omaha, we would need 129 more officers.
- The police department has actually been getting smaller in relationship to Lincoln's population since 2001, dropping from 139 officers per hundred thousand citizens to 134.
- If the population of Lincoln is growing at 1.5%, you have to add 4.75 police officers this year just to stay in the same place.
- In Nebraska and all the surrounding states, Lincoln ranks 174 of the 189 cities on police officers per capita. It is right between Kirksville, MO and Bettendorf, IA. It is the only city of 200,000 or more in the bottom half.
- Increasing the size of the police department to 150 officers per hundred thousand residents would require 45 more officers. That would result in about 8 additional officers on the street at any given time.
- It takes a little more than five police officers to staff a single patrol car around the clock 365 days a year.



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Property taxes

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to voice my feeling on what is happening with our taxes. I feel something needs to be done, because taxes are becoming such a burden that living the kind of life expected in Lincoln, Ne. is no longer possible.

I have a son who is considering moving back to Lincoln, but I have informed him to be prepared to pay tremendous increase if he returns.

I hope you will work to find a solution to this problem.

Thank you.

Vanice M. Mueller



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Employee Benefit Reduction Proposals for the 06-07 Budget

Dear Council Members,

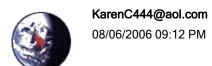
As a long time City employee I find the thought of benefit reduction (especially pension proposals) to be troubling at the least and will go on the record as opposed to any such reductions.

Having been around since 1972, I know this is not the first tough budget year the City has ever experienced. I do not believe that selecting certain bargaining groups of city employees to shoulder the financial responsibility for fixing the budget is an equitable way of going about it.

There has to be a better way of balancing the budget. Please keep in mind that City employee people are tax payers too!

Thanks for taking the time to read this, I know you all all very busy.

Respectfully submitted, Jay D. Edmiston, 528 Trail Ridge Road, Lincoln NE. 68505 484-5622



To council@lincoln.ne.gov, lpd444@cjis.ci.lincoln.ne.us
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Subject City Budget

Dear Council Members,

I would like to voice my concerns regarding the upcoming 2006-2007 budget hearings. There have been many rumors and a recent release of information to city employees on certain council members ideas, which in turn have made many people angry. I am a city employee and have been one for the last 27 years. I am proud of my tenure and commitment to provide services to the members of our community. The benefits have always been something to be extremely pleased of and makes MANY of us happy productive employees.

I realize there are many issues at hand and many cuts that need to be made, but I would think you would want to take care of the employees that make this city what it is. Public Safety is a MAJOR concern and this community is very lucky that we don't have more major crimes and critical incidents. But if you don't take care of the quality of the city employees, you will see this fail. If you make decisions based on your OWN needs OR bend to the political ideas of other groups, you will not be acting in the best interest of the city employees. I think enough money has been wasted taking chances on fighting things that will be lost. SAVE the city some money and take care of those that ultimately take care of you. I think you will find there are many city employees that aren't going to sit still for this type of action and are going to take a stand against something that you as a group have been told you can't do,. Please heed their advise and don't cost this community even MORE loss...we are hurting financially enough as it is.

Sincerely,

Karen Cates



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Staff cuts

[IMAGE]

Careful not to cut muscle.

I've worked with Troy Gagner. He is acquainted with the arcane procedures required to implement the few programs Lincolnhas to help finance rehabilitation in Lincoln's redevelopment areas. As the AntelopeValley, West O, and downtown finally stir from a slow start, having staff on hand expert at implementing federal, city, and state programs can be the difference between projects coming on quickly, or not all.

Projects like LibertyVillage, the Zimmer grocery rehabilitation, and The Option become possible only when staff understands the day-to-day procedures needed to put program dollars into play, where policy and politics finally becomes reality. A project's approval and a press release is only the beginning, followed by months of grueling, detailed delivery. If the execution slows down without knowledgeable people like Troy to do the bureaucratic grunt work, those who do *one* project in Lincoln won't come back to do another. As projects slow, city revenues shrink and future budget cuts become dicier and deeper.

Of course, there's an alternative to cuts when balancing a budget: Raise revenue. You can do this by expediting development approvals and then, once these are in place, make sure you have staff with enough expertise to make the projects move smoothly. People like Troy, which leave an administrative gap in their wake, may not be the best choice for removal. People like Troy, and for that matter, our Randy Hoskins, work on the front lines of the economy, making it possible for developers and entrepreneurs to keep the city fiscally afloat.

I applaud your decision to increase economic development funds. When business responds, let's make sure we have the staff to answer questions and implement programs. Cut dead wood, not flowering branches. Urban Development is one of the few entrepreneurial city departments, and they are stretched thin as is. And beyond synchronizing semaphores, the Traffic Engineer acts as a one-stop source for transportation coordination of new development. Think about the cost of these cuts, not just in net wages, but in taxes lost by making the already slow city processes even slower.

Fernando Pagés

Brighton Construction Company

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Lincoln, NE68510

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To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Vote NO on a sewage plant flowing into Wilderness Park

August 5, 2006

Dear Ms. Newman,

I am writing to express my deep concern about a sewage plant near WildernessParkwith discharge into Salt Creek as it meanders through the Park. Surely a cost benefit analysis looking at expansion, etc. at the Northeast or Theresa Streetfacilities might show that is less costly than a new sewage plant. This might particularly be true if the analysis considers costs/benefits over many years.

The potential damage to WildernessParkis very alarming. Since water flows here are lower, sewage discharge would not be as diluted as that coming from the above facilities. This discharge would potentially flow through WildernessPark, then through downtown, several neighborhoods, the University, etc.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Moni Usasz

3340 S. 31

Lincoln, NE68502



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Subject SewagePlantIntoWildernessPlant

SEWAGE PLANT INTO WILDERNESS PARK?

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING: MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006, 4:30 P.M., 555 SOUTH 10TH STREET

I am asking the City Council to:

Remove the Southwest Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase from the 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program budget, (Under Public Utilities Wastewater Proposals)

Authorize a cost benefit analysis to include an itemized estimate of the expansion, operation, and maintenance costs of expanded Northeast (North 70th Street) and/or Theresa Street Facilities over a future long-term, 30-50 year period, versus the cost of building, operating, and maintaining an additional facility. Some cities are finding it cheaper to monitor and operate regional sites, even including the costs of extra piping, than to operate and maintain a greater number of smaller sites.

Given our limited financial resources, there is more likelihood of removing toxic chemicals from sewage discharge (an expensive process) if monetary resources are put into high tech equipment at expanded Northeast and/or Theresa Street Facilities rather than building an additional site.

The cost analysis should include different piping options. To just stockpile land for possible future use would affect piping decisions in a direction that would one day require a third treatment facility.

Creek flows are much higher at the Theresa and Northeast facilities thereby diluting the sewage discharge. Sewage discharge would not have to flow through the downtown, State Fair, and the Salt Creek Neighborhood where people fish in the creek and children play in the creek, but rather would flow northeast of town. Likewise, any odor problems in the spring (referred to by a Black and Veatch consultant at an open house) would go to the northeast of town.

We call it Wilderness Park for a reason . Let us preserve it as is. Respectfully Sara Friedman 1990 Ryons St Lincoln, NE 68502

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To council@lincoln.ne.gov

cc mroseberrybrown@yahoo.com

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Subject Southwest Sewage Plant

To the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Lincoln City Council:

I find it impossible to believe the city of Lincoln is so backward as to even consider building a new sewage plant that would discharge into Salt Creek on the south west side of the city. I thought the outcome of the Wilderness Park SubareaPlanning process made it clear (especially in the Social Survey of Lancaster Co. residents as well as in the Ecosystem Assessment) that Wilderness Park is a highly prized natural space that deserves protection. No one ever suggested that it would be a good idea to discharge sewage into the creek there. The creek is the life line for all of the plants, animals, and people who live or move through it.

It is my understanding that some other cities are saving money by operating regional sewage processing sites, so at the very least, the city of Lincoln should require a cost benefit analysis to include an itemized estimate of the expansion, operation, and maintenance costs of expanding the Northeast and/or Theresa Street plants over a long term and compare it to the costs of building, operating, and maintaining a new facility. This analysis should include different piping options. To stockpile land for possible future use would affect piping decisions in a certain direction that would require a future facility.

It also seems a bad idea to add discharge into Salt Creek before it travels through the city of Lincoln. It would be better to add the discharge at the other existing facilities(mentioned above) located on the other side Lincoln where the creek flows are higher and the discharge would be more diluted if an accident occurred. It would also make sense to add new equipment for removing toxic elements from sewage discharge at these expanded sites.

I see Friends of Wilderness Park is offering a large reward for information leading to the individual or company that discharged ammonia in Salt Creek a few weeks ago. If found, those responsible would face criminal prosecution. I suggest it would be just as criminal to have a toxic sewage discharge accident from the proposed sewage facility site.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Williams 16150 WittstruckRd Bennet, NE68317



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Proposed Sewage Plant near Wildnerness Park

As someone who has enjoyed Wilderness Park for many years, I would ask the Council to review all potential options before taking action. Just this past week, there was an article on the editorial page of the World Herald about the importance of the connection between earth and its people. As more and more land gives way to housing developments, we really need to preserve the wilderness areas we have.

I would support the suggestion that a cost-analysis be done to see if there isn't a better way to solve the waste water situation. And the location so close to an area where citizens use the water for recreation certainly invites problems.

Linda Schrock 540 N. 4th St., # 4 Seward, NE 68434 402, 646-9033

(I lived in Lincoln from 1959 until about a month ago when I moved to Seward to be nearer to rmy grandchildren)



To "City Council" <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject FY2006-07 CIP: SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

August 6, 2006

City Council

555 S. 10th, Room 111

Lincoln, NE68508

Members of the City Council,

This letter is in regards to the portion of the proposed FY2006-07 Capital Improvement Program that would designate \$500,000 for the purchase of land for a third sewage treatment plant in the upcoming fiscal year. The sewage treatment plant itself, according to the Public Works Wastewater Treatment staff, would not be built for at least twenty to twenty-five years.

I ask that you remove this half-a-million dollar item from the FY2006-07 budget. Instead, a cost-benefit analysis should be conducted to determine which alternative: building a third site; or, expanding the capabilities of the two existing sites; is the most cost effective solution to Lincoln's long-term sewage treatment needs. My concerns about the proposed Southwest Sewage Treatment Plant include:

- The Southwest Sewage Treatment Plant Steering Committed was tasked with making a recommendation on *where* to build the third sewage treatment plant; they were not asked with determining *if* a third sewage treatment plant was necessary.
- As you can see in Enclosures One and Two, there is serious disagreement within the City's Wastewater Treatment staff that a third sewage treatment plant is even necessary. If the Superintendent of Water Pollution Control thinks that they are moving too fast, then maybe we should delay the decision to purchase land until we have studied the need.
- All of the preliminary sewage treatment plant sites under consideration are near WildernessPark. Even if the daily sewage discharge were piped north of Van Dorn a second pipe would run directly into WildernessParkfor sewage discharge during rain events.
- As reinforced by the Superintendent of Water Pollution Control in Enclosures One and Two, the preliminary sewage treatment plant sites under consideration are too far upstream in the Salt Creek drainage basin to provide enough natural water flow to accommodate the additional sewage discharge—historical water flow data indicates that at times the amount of sewage would equal or even exceed the amount of natural water flow.

half-a-million dollars on land that does not appear to be needed; and, even if it is needed, land that will sit unused for over two decades.
Sincerely,
Mike Carlin
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Lincoln, NE68523
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*****Enclosure One****
E-mail copied verbatim during public records file review in Lincoln City Attorney's office August 4, 2006 by Lynn Moorer
November 18, 2004, 11:23 a.m. e-mail
Randy L. Wilson to Michelle A. Wirth
cc: Brian Kramer, et al.
Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility Siting Study

Given the City's current budget crisis, I think that it should be pretty easy to defer for one year the decision to spend

To me the critical questions in the potential sitings are "when will we need sites and why will we need them? Where is the system deficient? To be a critical part of this work is acknowledging the present and potential future capacities of the treatment and collection facilities. I don't see any work described in reviewing the potential capacity and service area of the Theresa Streetfacility. We have the capability here at Theresa Streetfo double

I am not intimately involved in the project but I'd like to provide a few comments in regard to the scope of work described in your meeting minutes. These are my own opinions and do not necessarily reflect WW Division's

stance.....

the current service area. Our present average daily flows are around 19 mgd and we can eventually treat at least 40 mgd with buildout at this site. We have a lot invested in this site.

Treatment plants and collection systems are designed primarily on the basis of peak flow. Flow attenuation can dramatically effect the effective service area of treatment plants and collection systems. Flow attenuation may be much more cost effective than a new treatment facility.

The City's sanitary sewer design equation is driving many of the decisions and responses to the community. This equation is still conservative although it is less conservative than the equation used in the '70s and '80s. Our division needs to reassess the equation for a number of reasons.

- 1. The current equation is largely based upon peak flow events that occurred 15-20 years ago.
- 2. Although we have gone through a number of "dry" years, we just aren't seeing the "spikes" we used to get even during relatively small to moderate rainfalls.
- 3. Our collection system staff have been working on actively removing I/I for 20 years by replacing old manhole covers, repairing manholes, and replacing bad sewer lines subject to I/I. Although it is hard to measure, I'm pretty sure this effort has had a significant impact on peak flows, especially the change in manhole cover design. The sump pump presence is still a long-term concern.
- 4. Our average daily flow per acre has gone down for the last 10 years.

With the new trunk sewer improvements, especially in SaltValley, the real constraint in providing service will not be the trunk sewer capacities but rather the ability of the treatment plants to convey the peak flows through the treatment facility (which has really always been the case). With the parallel trunk sewers through the gut of Salt Valleyyou now have a lot of capacity. It needs to be determined just what the capacity of SaltValleytrunk sewer system is between 14th and Hwy. 2 and Theresa Streetin a surcharged condition. We know we can run the hydraulic profile to the top of the existing 48" trunk without service problems. I think you will find that the real capacity is much higher than the pipe full capacity of each line figured separately.

Do not throw out the possibilities of a lift station. Lift stations or pumping stations can be designed to be very reliable with stand-by power, redundant pumping, and good telemetry. They can be very cost effective long term depending on the circumstances. Lift stations are much less intrusive than a treatment plant and they don't require an NPDES permit or on-site licensed operators.

My personal opinion is that an update to the Facility Plan should occur before or at the same time rather than after the work you are here describing. I really feel that the ultimate long-term service area potential of TST has to be determined first...... I don't sense that this is being discussed enough. This should be an integral part of your siting efforts.

Thanks for sending me your meeting minutes.

Randy L. Wilson, P. E.

Superintendent of Water Pollution Control

LincolnWastewater System

Enclosure Two

E-mail copied verbatim during public records file review in Lincoln City Attorney's office August 4, 2006 by Lynn Moorer

December 7, 2004, 4:19 p.m. e-mail

Randy L. Wilson to Michelle A. Wirth

cc: Allan Abbott, Brian Kramer, Clint Thomas, Devin Biesecker, Duncan Ross, Ed Ubbin, Gary Brandt, Gary Thalken, Holly Johnson, J.J. Yost, Kent Morgan, Marvin Krout, Nick McElvain, Roger Krull, Matthew E. Schultze, Scott Cockrill, Steve Crisler, Steve Henrichsen, Steve Masters, Terry Genrich, Virendera Singh

Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility Siting Study

Please consider the following comments in regard to your siting criteria.

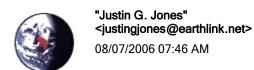
- 1. I looks like you touch on this point somewhat in B.4. but I feel a considerable weight needs to be put on a site's ability to serve a large service area. Where should a site be located that can have the largest influence in reducing sewage flows in the downstream trunk sewers and/or the treatment plant(s). A site located in a small drainage basin has little potential of being cost effective. Our existing plants are located where they can serve tens of thousands of acres. Sites located at the confluence of several basins are preferred.
- 2. The farther you go into the upper reaches of a basin (Salt Creek), the conditions of a future discharge permit from the State and EPA will become more stringent. There will be much less stream assimilation capacity available and the discharge permit levels will be very stringent. A significant plant discharge will dramatically impact the current ecology and use of the stream (i.e., low flows in WildernessParkfor example).
- 3. Also, timing is everything. When will you need the improvements? What is driving the improvements? (Collection system capacity or treatment plant capacity or both?) We need to equate ultimate service area capacity at the treatment plants and collection system and correlate that to a potential city limits footprint.
- 4. For reasons listed in #2 above, it may be more desirable to place a site in an existing basin that's away from the potential growth areas that are now of concern. For instance, it may be more desirable to locate a site in the Oak Creekdrainage basin to lessen the hydraulic load at Theresa Streetand provide room for growth in other areas to the south and east. The criteria for this relates to the site's ability to serve a large area or reduce impact in other areas.

Thanks......

Randy L. Wilson, P. E.

Superintendent of Water Pollution Control

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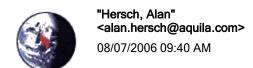
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Subject wait on sewage plant

To the Council:

As as regular user of Wilderness Park, I request that you delay the decision on locating a sewage treatment plant until a cost-benefit analysis has been done on expanding the current plant. This decision will have a huge impact on the park, a treasure of our community, and so needs to be taken with all due research and input from the citizenry. Thank you.

Justin G. Jones Lincoln



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <bbohrer@lcoc.com>
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Subject Budget

Dear Council members:

This note is in support of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce positions on the City budget.

I especially urge you to budget additional funds for LPED. The funds for LPED will allow them to assist our existing businesses to grow, and help us compete with other areas to attract new businesses to Lincoln. As you know, the best driver for our economy is jobs.

Thanks for your hard work and careful scrutiny of City operations to maximize efficiency.

Alan Hersch

<ms32206@alltel.net> 08/07/2006 10:11 AM

To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

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Subject Proposed Urban Development Cuts

Dear Council Members,

Reduced crime and increased business opportunities are something I know you support here in Lincoln. I am writing to urge you NOT to eliminate two positions from the Urban Development Department - positions which I believe have a positive impact on businesses, help increase home-ownership, and, consequently, help reduce crime.

Urban Development's programs play a critical role in helping to revitalize and sustain our city. I can think of few programs that has such a positive, broad impact. Please do not cut the Economic Development and Community Development Program Specialist positions from Urban Development. These programs are vital to the effort to make all of Lincoln a positive place for businesses and residents alike.

Sincerely,

Neana Skretta 1233 South 24 Street (402) 438-7155



"UNL Ecology Now" <ecology_now@hotmail.com>

08/07/2006 10:26 AM

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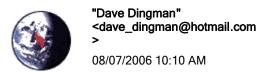
Subject Proposed Sewage Plant

Dear Council Members.

I urge you to remove the Southwest Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase from the 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program budget and to authorize a cost benefit analysis to include an itemized estimate of the expansion, operation, and maintenance costs of expanded Northeast (North 70th Street) and/or Theresa Street Facilities over a future long-term, 30-50 year period, versus the cost of building, operating, and maintaining an additional facility. Some cities are finding it cheaper to monitor and operate regional sites, even including the costs of extra piping, than to operate and maintain a greater number of smaller sites.

The cost analysis should include different piping options. To just stockpile land for possible future use would affect piping decisions in a direction that would one day require a third treatment facility.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, Megan Jackson 3135 South St Lincoln, NE 68502



To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject sewage plant purchase option

Lincoln City Council council@lincoln.ne.gov

Mr. David Dingman
UNL Environmental Studies Major
dave_dingman@hotmail.com

To the Honorable Members of the Lincoln City Council,

Good morning. Thank you for your time in considering this message. My name is David Dingman. I am an Environmental Studies major at UNL. I am writing to you as an independent concerned citizen about the August 7, 2006 hearing for the proposed purchase option for a new sewage plant facility near Wilderness Park.

It has come to my attention that no cost-benefit analysis or other related impact studies have been completed for this project. I would hope that the council, in its collective wisdom, would see to it that such assessments were completed before risking one of our city's more natural areas to such development. For this reason, I would ask the council to remove the purchase option from this year's budget proposal until such assessments may be satisfactorily completed. I would also include in these assessments the study of expanding the current Northeast and Theresa Street sites over new construction.

As an environmental studies student, I think the city is missing a great opportunity to explore alternative and renewable sources of energy and wastes management with this issue. Over the past decade, great progress has been made in the conversion of biological wastes into methane for natural gas production. This technology is already being implemented domestically in places such as Reynolds, Indiana and northern California. Most recently, there has been the development of such a plant using cattle near Mead, NE. Personally, I have witnessed similar systems being implemented in rural areas of Colombia, South America as well. By neglecting this possibility, I believe the city is passing up an opportunity to become a leader in alternative energies and sustainability, which are two of the hottest topics in the future of development.

This can go so much further than simple waste and energies management. Not only have current methane laboratories worked to offer energy, but they have also been integrated into communities by providing the means for agricultural fertilizers as well. In Colombia for example, there is what is called an integrated farming system that has utilized this process, along with an anaerobic digester, to increase existing crop yields and resuscitate once acidic soils. This is very similar to the plant near Mead, NE. In terms of possibility for our community, there are a few that come to mind.

- 1) By expanding the existing sites, the surrounding areas could be turned into either a nice park area to enhance the aesthetic beauty of Lincoln under the Antelope Valley Project, or even an economic productive area for an organic community garden designed to provide locally produced fruits and vegetables for our schools and the city mission. It is also possible, given enough area to do both. I am sure that providing healthier choices of food in our schools will only increase the effectiveness of our teachers and productivity of our students.
- 2) By promoting alternative and renewable energy research within the

community, Lincoln will be supporting a new and growing curriculum with the university. By doing so, the city is creating a pool of interested citizens, scientists and teachers that will help limit up front costs of performing such studies if we incorporate it into the university and public school curriculum. The creation of such local opportunities might also help to ease the growing issue of graduating students leaving the state for employment elsewhere.

3) By developing new technologies and applying them to already existing facilities, the city is providing a great learning tool for future development down south. By expanding the existing sites, we can accommodate for current and future growth while discovering new techniques for new construction in the future when the need arises.

These are just a few of the positive possibilities that we as a community should consider before rushing into the development of a new standard sewage facility. By exploring the alternatives, perhaps by setting up an independent committee charged in researching such possibilities and reporting to the mayor and city council its findings, we are properly investing in the future of our great city. I thank you very much for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely, Mr. Dave Dingman UNL Environmental Studies Student dave_dingman@hotmail.com (402) 475-9108

AUG 0 4 2006

3220 Jov Court Lincoln, Nebraska 68502 August 3, 2006

The Editor Lincoln Journal Star CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

What makes a good city great? I believe that an essential ingredient is a strong public sector and a strong private sector working hand in hand on projects for the good of all.

But somehow in Lincoln, we see an attitude of "less government, reduce taxes" that now threatens to significantly impair so much that has been so good about our community.

Over the past thirty years, as a private sector employee and entrepreneur. I have

- · Observed community development staff facilitate effective housing and neighborhood improvement projects:
- Watched transportation engineers devote long, intense days to planning the safety and efficiency of traffic movement;
- Worked with Lincoln City Library staff to design creative programs for children and adults;
- Delighted in Parks and Recreation projects to develop green spaces and community centers; and
- Been in awe of Health Department staff who devote their lives to the mental and physical welfare of our citizens.

And yet here we are, a growing and thriving community, faced with the threat of cutting staff who maintain these important programs. It just doesn't make sense!

To my City staff friends: thank you for all you do to make Lincoln such a great place to live. To my City Council and community friends: please join me in the The Consider political and financial support of the public sector.

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August 4, 2006

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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND E-MAIL Honorable Members of the Lincoln City Council The County-City Building 555 South 10th Street, Rm. 111 Lincoln, NE 68508

AUG 0 4 2006 CITY COUNCIL

RE:

Objection to Closed Executive Session on Employee Benefits for August 7, 2006 pre-Council meeting

To the Lincoln City Council and its Honorable Members:

This law firm represents the National Association of Government Employees, Local No. R9-38 (hereinafter "NAGE"), the Amalgamated Transit Union (hereinafter "ATU"), and the members of both unions, NAGE and ATU are the certified bargaining groups for a large segment of City of Lincoln public employees.

According to the schedule for the August 7, 2006 pre-Council meeting, the City Council is scheduled to receive a legal opinion on City Employee Benefits at 3:00 p.m. The schedule further indicates that "it is anticipated an Executive Session will follow regarding Labor Negotiations." NAGE, ATU, and the members of both unions object to the City Council holding a closed executive session on the issue of employee benefits during the August 7, 2006 meeting, because the closed session would violate the Nebraska Public Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1408 et seg. (Reissue 1999 & Cum. Supp. 2004.)

Under the Nebraska Public Meetings Act, meetings of a public body generally must be open to the public. The public body, however, may hold a closed session if doing so is "clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest." Section 84-1410.

Judging from the pre-Council meeting schedule, it appears to be the position of at least some members of the Council that it is permissible to discuss the proposed changes to employee benefits in a closed session because the changes involve "labor negotiations." Under § 84-1410(a), a public body may hold a closed meeting for "a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining." This provision protects the public's interest by preventing a public body from having to tip its hand during ongoing collective bargaining negotiations. Here the City Council is not considering tactics for ongoing negotiations (indeed, there are no ongoing negotiations), but rather changes to employee benefits that would be unilaterally imposed by the City. The collective bargaining exception to the Public Meetings Act is therefore inapplicable.

Nor is there any other reason to shield the public from discussion on the proposed changes to employee benefits. The issue is one of utmost importance to the public: unilaterally reducing employee benefits impairs the City's ability to maintain the quality workforce which its citizens expect and deserve. Rather than have the issue resolved "in the recesses of a closed session," the public is entitled to hear in an open meeting why the Council would consider risking the quality of the City's workforce. Grein v. Board of Ed. of the Sch. Dist. of Fremont, 216 Neb. 158, 166, 343 N.W.2d 718, 723 (1984).

We respectfully request that this letter, which is being both hand-delivered and emailed to the Council, be made a part of the record of the August 7, 2006 pre-Council meeting.

Yours very truly

Joel Bacon For the firm

Cc: Jeff Stump, NAGE President Les Helms, ATU President

Dana Roper, City Attorney

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BUDGET MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006 COUNTY/CITY BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. MAYOR NONE
- II. CITY CLERK NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE NONE
- B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

ANIMAL CONTROL

Faxed Letter sent to Council Office by Jim Weverka, Animal Control from Wilma
 L. White - RE: The Proposed cut of the two positions in the Department of
 Animal Control.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. E-Mail from Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: LIBA Letter to City Council Members dated July 13, 2006.

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

- 1. E-Mail from Ed Foster RE: City Budget.
- 2. E-Mail from Larry Einemann RE: Proposed City Budget under discussion!- Proposed Sewage Plant.
- 3. E-Mail from Tim K. Johnson RE: Proposed Sewage Plant.
- 4. E-Mail from Jackie Barnhardt RE: The Southeast Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase.
- 5. E-Mail from William R. Stone, Jr. RE: City Budget.
- 6. E-Mail from Lois Haupt RE: Property Taxes.

- 7. E-Mail from Wilda Lyons RE: Proposed budget cuts for the animal control department.
- 8. E-Mail from Marlene K. Beyke RE: Parks budget cuts.
- 9. E-Mail from Gregg Nicklas RE: Animal Control & the Budget.
- 10. E-Mail from Carol Sandberg RE: Budget cuts.
- 11. E-Mail from Lloyd & Barbara Johnson RE: Animal Control funding.
- 12. E-Mail from Maribeth Milner RE: City Budget Cuts.
- 13. Letter from Dalton W. Tietjen, Attorney to Don Taute, Personnel Director RE: Changes to Terms and Conditions of Employment.

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TO: THE CITY COUNCIL OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FROM: WILMA L. WHITE S715 LENOX AVE. LINCOLN. NEB. 68510

SUBJECT: THE PROPOSED CUT OF THE TWO POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL

Dear Madam Chairman and Council Members:

Last evening, Monday, Aug. 7, I sat in attendance waiting for the issue concerning the job status of two positions within the department of Animal Control. With your permission I wish to share with you my concerns.

As a tax paying resident and animal owner of Lincoln, I appreciate the effort being made to present a reasonable budget. However, I am deeply concerned with the proposed elemination of an Animal Control Officer and a Dispatcher. Such action would leave the city with the following

difficultles:

- 1. No weekend coverage
- 2. Additional workload & stress to the remaining ataff
- 3. Overtime pay needed to cover the emergency needs of the population

We will be faced with accumulative problems of:

- 1. Excretment contamination
- 2.Upprovoked and provoked animal attacks
- 3. Cruelty to animals on the loose
- 9. Accidents
- 5.Lost and frightemed pets
- 6. Grieving children and adults over the frustration of their loss and the lack of availability to recover this member of their family.

As our population grows -- so grows the pet population family members.

May I ask you -- Would YOU want to move or live in an an environment that does NOT protect your COMPLETE Samily?

May I thank you for your attention to this subject.

Respectfully yours? White



Karl A Fredrickson/Notes

08/08/2006 05:08 PM

- To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
- cc rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov, Nicole Tooze/Notes@Notes, Margaret Remmenga, Ann Harrell, Mark Bowen

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Subject LIBA Letter to City Council Members dated July 13, 2006

Dear Council Members;

At last nights hearing, Coby Mach representing LIBA, referred to the elimination of seven positions in the subject letter, under paragraph 3e they state that three engineers were added in the anticipation of the bonds passing for streets. This is not true. We had authority to hire if the bond issue passed, it didn't, the authority went away, and we **did not** hire any additional engineers. LIBA's "belief" is based on misinformation.

Best Regards,

Karl A. Fredrickson, P.E. Director Public Works & Utilities 555 S 10th Street Suite 203 LIncoln, NE 68508

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To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject

Lincoln City Council Members.

Budget

We need AT LEAST three million in cuts. Many places to cut at this time. Parks, payrolls, etc. It seems odd to me that we are paying city employees much more then many of the folk we are taxing are earning, and from what I see, are working harder! It is time to start to realize we are living, as a City, way beyond our means. Interesting that The Mayor, when asked where she would make cuts if she had to, mentioned the Swinning Pools and other programs that the kids enjoy. Such a tear jerker! Ed Foster

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To council@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Proposed city budget under discussion!

Dear Council President & Council Members:

I am writing this e-mail to let Lincoln City Council know about my disapproval of funding for a proposed sewage treatment plant in the southwest part of Lincoln. The proposed site is to be adjacent to Wilderness Park.

Instead of proposing money for such a site, I recommend that that Council ask that a cost analysis be done to determine whether expanding the Theresa Street Treatment Site and Northeast Treatment Site would be more cost effective compared to having this additional site.

I am very concerned about sewage discharge into Wilderness Park. Discharge of effluent from the treatment plant would contaminate the water in Salt Creek, drastically affecting aquatic wildlife. Water quality would decrease creating problems with people who fish in the park or who do other forms of recreation adjacent to or in the creek bed.

I am a bird watcher. Through the years I have noticed how the Theresa Street Sewage Treatment Plant has changed the ecology of Salt Creek. From where treated plant effluent enters to miles downstream, the stream does not freeze during the winter time. The stream flows for a mile or more allowing waterfowl, shorebirds and other species to overwinter under harsh conditions. This is not normal. The stream should be allowed to freeze over forcing the birds to migrate south. Allowing the construction of another plant farther upstream from the Theresa Plant would only exacerbate the problem.

I am also concerned about pollutants entering Wilderness Park via the discharges. Recent scientific studies indicate that the antibacterial agent, Triclosan, found in antibacteria soaps and detergents do not entirely break down. Much of it enters the aquatic ecosystem downstream from the discharge site, creating more aquatic ecosystem problems. In addition to this chemical, many thousands of other organic and inorganic compounds are flushed down toilets and sinks every day. Many of these chemicals have corrosive; carcinogenic; poisonous; long-lasting, detrimental; and little-known pernicious, life-disrupting properties.

Please keep Wilderness Park free of these potential threats by doing a cost analysis and finding a better solution to the sewage problem at this site. Wilderness Park should be a community treasure, not a dump site for contaminated effluent.

Thank you very much for allowing me to let you know about this important issue.

Sincerely,

Larry Einemann 2917 South 53rd Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68506 402-488-7782 August 7, 2006



To council@lincoln.ne.gov cc bcc

Subject sewage plant

Dear Council Members;

Please seriously consider a cost/benefit analysis over a long period of time since this will be around many years. Expanding the NE plant and the other north plant should be seriosly included in this analysis. Other states have found that expanding existing sites, even with extra pumping costs usually saves significantly over new construction. This analysis should consiser environmental costs and impact over the long haul also. Thank you.

Tim K. Johnson 4333 E St Lincoln 68510 483-0425



Open Harvest Outreach coutreach@openharvest.coop

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Please respond to outreach@openharvest.coop

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Subject Urgent re: today's meeting

To council@lincoln.ne.gov

Dear City Council,

I had planned to come testify today on the Southeast Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase, but am now not able to attend.

I urge you to remove the Southwest Sewage Plant Site Option Purchase from the 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program budget.

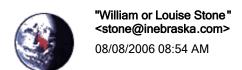
Citizens need a cost benefit analysis to include an itemized estimate of the expansion, operation, and maintenance costs of expanded Northeast (North 70th Street) and/or Theresa Street Facilities over a future long-term, 30-50 year period, versus the cost of building, operating, and maintaining an additional facility.

Many cities are finding it cheaper to monitor and operate regional sites, even including the costs of extra piping, than to operate and maintain a greater number of smaller sites.

Creek flows are much higher at the Theresa and Northeast facilities thereby diluting the sewage discharge. Sewage discharge would not have to flow through the downtown, State Fair, and the Salt Creek Neighborhood where people fish in the creek and children play in the creek, but rather would flow northeast of town. Likewise, any odor problems in the spring would go to the northeast of town.

I ask that you consider this fiscally responsible option of further analysis.

Sincerely, Jackie Barnhardt Lincoln, NE



To "Council" <Council@lincoln.ne.gov> cc bcc

Subject Budget

Council Members:

I did not attend last nights public meeting having earlier communicated my views on the steps the Council can take to regain revenue lost by actions of the council and mayor as an alternative to raising the property tax.

I did hear part of the "public" hearing on the radio, which "public" seems to have consisted mainly of City employees who had come to whine about the councils proposed reduction in the increase in spending, a decrease of some \$500,000 out of \$131,000,000 - less than 1/2 of one percent.

Poor babies - what is that, five positions or so?

By the way, I'm self employed and my gross revenue dropped by about 10% between 2004 and 2005 tax years. Fortunately, since I saw it coming and can't just take someone else's money to make up the loss I was able to cut expenses by 10% as well.

Maybe for next year you all can consider the sales tax consequences of your social programs - e.g. banning smoking in bars and Keno parlors.

William R. Stone, Jr.



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Lois Haupt Address: 4212 Knox

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Phone: 402-464-7650

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Comment or Question:

Thank you for your gracious receptiveness of public comments at the budget hearing on Monday night.

I was a little appalled to hear how much weight had been given to the emails received asking that taxes not be increased. I think there are many who feel, as I do, that we want good government and are willing to pay for it. However, it seems a little strange to send an email saying "Please raise my taxes." Most of us just assume it will probably happen, and we don't raise our voices.

Since that seems to not be the case, then let me be very straightforward about it. Please raise my taxes if that's what it takes to maintain services, at least at their current level.

Sincerely,

Lois Haupt



To General Council < council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for

General Council

Name: Wilda Lyons Address: 1609 s 23rd st City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 475-0321 Fax: 475-0321

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Comment or Ouestion:

Aug. 8, 2006 To the council members----I hope you will rethink the proposed cuts for the animal control department. Since the animal population has grown there is an increased need for their services. Staff should be added, not decreased. As a member of a local Animal Welfare Group, Coalition for Pet Protection, I see animals needing help on a daily basis. Our hotline fielded calls for help for 60 kittens just in the last week. We rely on AC for help in emergencies, and as a source for regular, almost daily help. Needless suffering of animals will result if these cuts are made, it's a shame if our local society turns our backs on those that rely on our help and compassion. I realize that the purse strings are tight, very few entities have not been affected by recent economic times. I know when our household needs to cut, we go first with what few luxuries we have....perhaps the council should follow this example. If the city government is run like any other government office, there is a tremendous amount of waste and misuse of funds. LPS comes to my mind at this time. I am a concerned citizen, and I vote. I certainly hope this particular budget cut will be stopped. For the love of the animals---Wilda Lyons



To council@lincoln.ne.gov cc bcc

Subject Budget cuts

I would like to take a moment of your time and ask that you review the cuts made by the Mayor to the Parks budget.

It is my understanding that the cuts that Mayor Seng has made will cut seven staff members that

mow and take care of the trees in the City parks.

My home backs to Trendwood Park... this park has a great walking trail and walkers on in the park

beginning at 5:30 am every morning and children use this park to walk to St. Joseph's School during

the academic year. People drive from all over the area to walk in the park and take advantage of the

beautiful scenery. While the City has done a good job... sometimes the grass is much to tall when it

is mowed and the park looks like it needs to be mowed yet again. By not hiring the staff to maintain

this park and others in the City of Lincoln I feel we will be living with grass that is "out of control".

I have only lived on the park for four years, but each time property taxes have gone up..

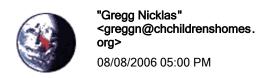
I have stepped back and said well but I do live in this beautiful area. Please take into consideration

that the City has ordinances that require individuals to maintain their property and keep it mowed,

I would encourage the City of Lincoln to be a good neighbor and keep the backyards of our homes mowed and maintained.

Marlene K. Beyke

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject FW: Animal Control & the Budget

Dear Council Members:

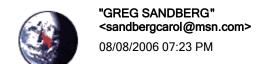
As the founder of a non-profit organization I know how difficult it is to stretch dollars...especially during financially trying times. Your willingness to serve on the City Council places you in the unenviable position of having to make cost-cutting decision pertaining to the city's services. You have undoubtedly heard from proponents of evey imaginable service. I am writing as an advocate for Animal Control and the need to keep Animal Control Officers on the street and the Dispatch position funded. As the city continues to grow, so does the animal population and concerns pertaining to animals. Cutting services or limiting hours will have a detrimental impact on response times and may eliminate the availability of crisis response all together. It would seem with the increasing numbers of serious calls involving vicious animals a reduction in services would result in increasing potential liability for the city.

I certainly do not envy the decisions which are before you and want to thank you for your willingness to serve. I urge you to consider the needs of the animals within our community. They are a population without a voice and in need of your protection.

Thank you for your time, your service and your consideration.

Gratefully,

Gregg Nicklas



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov> cc bcc

Subject Budget cuts

TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Please do not cut the Animal Control Dept. by one animal control officer or a dispatcher to eliminate weekend service. These people are needed more on the weekends, than during the week. My house backs to Taylor Park, and the owners run the big black labs, Doberman Pinschers, Retrievers, shepherds and Weimaraners loose through the park.

The dogs run through private property, and if you say anything, the owners get abusive.

In stead of giving the dogs a bad rap the owners should be given a hefty fine. Their insurance companies should be notified. The fines should be used to offset expenses for Animal Control Animal control covers the parks, the trails, the bike paths. If the city wants more

parks and trails, please do not cut this area where coverage is needed.

Thank You

Carol Sandberg 601 Haverford 484-8325



To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc bcc

Subject Animal Control funding

Dear Lincoln Council members--

My wife and I are alarmed by the recent media negative comments regarding the possible loss of funds to operate the Animal Control program for Lincoln. The facts speak for themselves. We have an excellent Animal Control program which operates on a rather austere budget but manages to provide excellent service to our community.

We need to show our appreciation to the Animal Control staff for their devotion to duty and dedication in protecting our community and keeping every creature safe. Lincoln Animal Control should be recognized for their fine work and not be concerned with budget cuts which would undermine the success of their program. Adequate funding is imperative for the continuation of the outstanding operation of Lincoln Animal Control.

Please join the citizens of Lincoln in providing support for protecting our citizens, furry or human. Your support is appreciated.

Lloyd and Barbara Johnson Lincolnites for sixty years



To council@lincoln.ne.gov cc mayor@lincoln.ne.gov bcc

Subject City Budget Cuts

Members of the Council,

I have some questions that I'd like you to consider...

The city gets 15% of the property tax revenues. Why are the Republicans on the Council choosing to make up the entire property tax increase from the city budget? Given anti-union comments made by at least one Republican on the Council, it appears one objective is to break the unions. We also know that one, possibly two, Republican council members intend to run for mayor next spring. The Republican driven fiscal policy decisions will make the Mayor look bad which will help the Republicans' chances of taking the Mayor's position. Are you willing to break the city in order to gain control of the city?

Why were property taxes increased in the first place?

Who is going to profit from the property tax windfall? Obviously not the city. Will some of the revenue go to construction projects?

How will crippling the city bring businesses and people to Lincoln? A city that can't provide basic services would not attract me. Cutting over time, for example, will result in delayed snow removal and loss of productivity. How will that help business?

Will Mr. Svoboda (and possibly Mr. Camp) take responsibility for the decrease in services... both when the services are missed and during the mayoral elections next spring?

Sincerely,

Maribeth Milner Lincoln

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August 4, 2006

Don Taute Personnel Director County-City Building 555 S. 10th Street Lincoln, NE 68508



Re: Changes to Terms and Conditions of Employment

Dear Don:

The LCEA Board of Directors met recently and asked that I write to you about changes to current terms and conditions of employment which are contained in the Mayor's budget proposal. Specifically, the Board wanted to address the issues of intended changes to health insurance benefits and the elimination of parking stipends for Department of Aging Employees. It is the position of the Board of Directors that any changes in terms and conditions of employment during the term of the LCEA contract constitute both breaches of contract and prohibited practices under the terms of the Nebraska Industrial Relations Act. The Board has decided not to contest the two changes identified above, as currently proposed, due to the unique situation with which the City is faced. Budget shortfalls are a reality, and the Board will not challenge these two money-saving proposals. The Board wants to make very clear, however, that its decision to refrain from legal action in these circumstances is not to be taken as any sort of precedent-setting decision. The Board specifically reserves to itself the right to challenge any other actions that may be taken to unilaterally change any terms of conditions of employment during the term of a contract, now or at some future time. Such changes are illegal, inappropriate and subject to reversal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Singerely,

Dalton W. Tietjen

DWT/cp

cc: Gary Meier, City Council